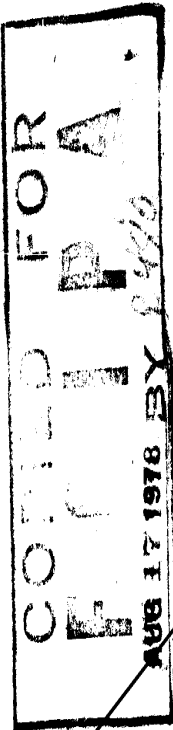


U. S. Department of Justice

(MATERIAL MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM OR ADDED TO THIS FILE)



FEDERAL BUREAU

of

INVESTIGATION

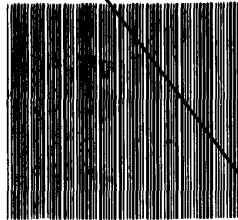
DO NOT DESTROY

FOIPA # 1026508

126-HQ-486

SECTION 3

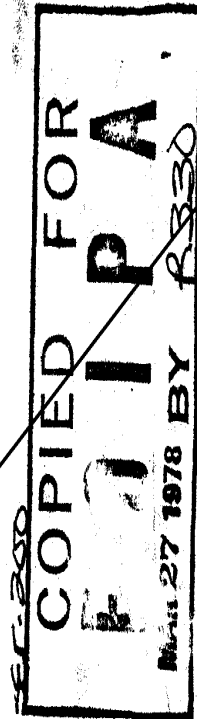
SERIALS 126-209



\*126-HQ-486-3\*

SECTION 3

SERIALS 126-209



USE CARE IN HANDLING THIS FILE

Transfer-Call 3421

## Office Memorandum • UNIT : GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB;  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference report of Special Agent James M. Skeffington dated December 6, 1950, at New York.

[ ] was interviewed on December 7, 1950, and the material set out in reference report was completely gone over with [ ]. At the conclusion of that time, in [ ] presence, a statement was dictated, setting forth in narrative form the information furnished by [ ].

[ ] then advised that he had certain appointments and engagements for the late afternoon and evening of December 7, 1950, and could not wait until this statement was typed in order to sign same. He advised that he would be available after 11:00 p.m. on the night of December 7, 1950, and would read the typed statement at that time.

At 11:30 p.m. on December 7, 1950, [ ] after reading the typed statement at his home, [ ] signed same. It is noted that [ ] signed the original of the typed statement and also one duplicate copy.

The duplicate copy of this typed statement, signed by [ ] is being forwarded as an enclosure with this letter.

In regard to this, it is pointed out for the Bureau's information that the signed statement makes mention of JAMES MAGRAW. It is noted that in the report of Special Agent James M. Skeffington this individual is mentioned as JAMES MCGRAW. [ ] advises that the spelling of this individual's name should be JAMES MAGRAW.

Page 5 of reference report reflects that [ ] learned through a source, whom he believes to be JAMES MAGRAW, that the John Reed Club was being dissolved, and its records destroyed. It is noted that [ ] now attributes this information to SAM FOX, also known as SAM EASTMAN, who [ ] says was Financial Secretary of Section 18 of the Communist Party in 1936.

Page 6 of reference report reflects information from [ ] to the effect that someone whom he can no longer recall told him to forget that ANNA ROSENBERG had ever been a member of the John Reed Club. [ ] now advises, as set out in the signed statement, that this information came from JAMES MAGRAW.

JPM:RAA  
62-10641

Enclosures

62-10641

INDEXED - 23

126-486-126

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

JPM:RAA  
62-10641

New York, N. Y.

Further, page 6 of reference report reflects information from [ ] to the effect that he had never observed a picture of ANNA ROSENBERG, in connection with WPA or any other type of activity, through which he could connect this ANNA ROSENBERG with the one in the John Reed Club. [ ] says that he cannot state that he had not seen a picture of ANNA ROSENBERG in the newspapers, in the period from the time he attended meetings at the John Reed Club, up until he saw a photograph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG in The New York Times a few weeks ago. Accordingly that information was not put in [ ] signed statement.

Page 7 of reference report reflects the names of four individuals who [ ] said were "okayed" by ANNA M. ROSENBERG for various Government jobs; further, that [ ] believed HENRY ALSBERG to be a Communist Party member. In connection with this, it is noted that [ ] now advises that he recalls that one HELEN WOODWARD was also recommended by ANNA M. ROSENBERG for a position as assistant to HARRY HOPKINS, according to information [ ] received at Communist Party Headquarters. [ ] says that he can attribute the source of this information to no one in particular, advising that it was just something he heard at Communist Party Headquarters.

On page 7 of reference report information is set out concerning one GERRE MANGIONE. [ ] advises that the name of this individual should be spelled JERRE MANGIONE.

Page 8 of reference report reflects information from [ ] to the effect that ANNA ROSENBERG between 1936 and 1938 helped form a magazine known as "Science and Society." [ ] now advises that he read, in promotional literature issued by "Science and Society," that one ANNA ROSENBERG was one of the founders of this publication. He has no information as to the identity of this particular ANNA ROSENBERG.

Page 9 of reference report reflects that [ ] says he furnished a signed statement to BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN on December 5, 1950.

Photostatic copies of the signed statement furnished by [ ] to BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN were furnished to this office by FREEDMAN on December 7, 1950. Two photostatic copies of [ ] statement of December 5, signed in the presence of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, are being enclosed with this letter. It is noted that the signed statement of [ ] includes names of many individuals who were members of the John Reed Club, according to [ ] and who might have knowledge of attendance by ANNA ROSENBERG at meetings of the John Reed Club, which names are in addition to those set out in reference report.

In connection with these additional names of alleged members of the John Reed Club, investigation is being conducted by this office to locate and

126-466-106

JPM:RAA  
62-10641

New York, N. Y.

interview all of the individuals mentioned by [ ] as members of the John Reed Club for any information they may possess as to attendance by ANNA M. ROSENBERG at meetings of the John Reed Club in the past.

As set out above, two photostatic copies of [ ] statement of December 5, 1950, signed in the presence of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter.

In regard to this statement furnished by [ ] to FREEDMAN, on December 5, 1950, the following general discrepancies between that statement of DE SOLA and the statement furnished to agents of this office on December 7, 1950, are being pointed out:

In statement of December 5 [ ] says that he joined the Communist Party in September of 1934. He has advised agents on December 7, 1950, that he cannot recall the exact month that he joined the Communist Party, but would place same in the Fall of 1934.

In statement of December 5, first paragraph, DE SOLA says that JAMES MAGRAW told him that ANNA ROSENBERG was kept out of general activity that might expose her to enemies of the Communist Party, and further in paragraph two [ ] says in that statement that the John Reed Club was dissolved in 1935, and its membership rolls destroyed to conceal the identity of leading Party members such as ANNA ROSENBERG.

In interview by agents of this office on December 7, [ ] advised he never attributed to JAMES MAGRAW any statement that MAGRAW had made to him indicating that ANNA ROSENBERG, like many important comrades, was kept out of general activity that might expose her to enemies of the Communist Party. Further, DE SOLA advised agents of this office that the John Reed Club was dissolved some time in the year 1936 (not 1935), and attributed to SAM FOX, also known as SAM FASTMAN, the information that the membership rolls were destroyed and that the Communist Party feared that the membership records of the John Reed Club might prove to be a source of embarrassment to members of the club who had since attained prominence.

It is noted that in paragraph 4 of [ ] statement to FREEDMAN, [ ] says that ANNA ROSENBERG, one of the founders of "Science and Society - A Marxist Quarterly," is identical with the ANNA ROSENBERG associated with the New Deal Administration and with the department store R. H. Macy, and further is identical with the ANNA ROSENBERG he saw at meetings of the John Reed Club.

On interview by agents of this office, [ ] says that he has no information which would tend to identify the ANNA ROSENBERG who was one of the founders of the publication "Science and Society." He said that he recalls he read in promotional literature put out by "Science and Society" that a person



JPM:RAA  
62-10641

New York, N. Y.

named ANNA ROSENBERG was one of the founders of this publication, but he has no knowledge that the ANNA ROSENBERG mentioned in this promotional literature is identical with ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

It is noted that in paragraph 6 of [ ] statement to FREEDMAN, DE SOLA says that he was advised by JAMES MAGRAW that ANNA ROSENBERG was responsible for passing on the appointments of some of HARRY HOPKINS' administrators such as JACOB ~~BAKER~~, HENRY ALSBERG, AUBREY ~~WILLIAMS~~, and others. On interview by agents of this office [ ] says that he cannot attribute this statement to JAMES MAGRAW, stating merely that he recalls that he heard this information at Communist Party Headquarters, but cannot recall who told him same.

It is noted that in the signed statement of [ ] dated December 7, 1950, [ ] makes mention of two photographs shown to him by agents of this office. For the Bureau's information, copies of these two photographs are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter.

b7D

The enclosed copy of photograph marked "A" is a copy of a photograph captioned "ANNA M. ROSENBERG" appearing in "Current Biography 1943," published by H. W. Wilson Company, New York. This photograph appeared opposite an article in this publication concerning instant ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

The enclosed copy of photograph marked "B" is a copy of a photograph captioned "NRA Regional Director, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg," which photograph appeared in The New York Times on Tuesday, February 19, 1935.

The copies of the photographs marked "A" and "B" identified by [ ] in his signed statement of December 7, 1950, are being retained in the file in this case in this office. In addition, the original of the statement signed by [ ] on December 7, 1950, is being retained in the file in this case in this office.

Investigation on this matter is continuing.



ENCLOSURE

126-486-126



Copy of photo of "N.R.A. Regional  
Director, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg"  
appearing in NY Times, Tuesday,  
2/19/35

(Date photo taken not known)

B

126. 486-126



Copy of photograph  
captioned "ANNA M.  
ROSENBERG"

appearing in "Current  
Biography 1943" published  
by H. W. Wilson Co., N.Y.

(Date photo taken not  
known)

176-486-176

## STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] IN RE ANNA ROSENBERG

I, [REDACTED] solemnly swear and affirm that I was a member of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. [REDACTED] from about

of the John Reed Club and attended meetings with him at the club during the late summer and fall of 1934. While in his company I met Anna Rosenberg and he advised me that this outstanding social worker was a party member but like many important comrades was kept out of general activity that might expose her to enemies of the Communist Party.

In 1935 the John Reed Club was dissolved at the order of the Communist Party and its membership rolls destroyed so as to better conceal the identity of leading party members such as Anna Rosenberg who by that time were already in the higher echelons of the New Deal.

In October 1935 James Magraw became the supervisor in charge of the WPA Reporters Project in New York City and later became director of the Writers' Project in this city. He said to me at one time when the Communist supervisors had a fraction meeting in his home on Greenwich Street that it would be very important for all of us to forget early party contacts, such as Anna Rosenberg, in our job relationship as the Communist Party had most important work for these top comrades. Magraw was the close confidant of Henry Alsberg, National Director of the Writers' Project and also of Jerre Mangione, assistant to Alsberg and later Deputy to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization until he was exposed as a Communist and forced to resign.

Anna Rosenberg, one of the founders of a Communist-inspired magazine for social workers, one of the founders of Science and Society - A Marxist Quarterly, and later associated with the New Deal administration and later with the department store - R.H. Macy - in New York - is the same Anna Rosenberg that I recall attending meetings with at the John Reed Club on Sixth Avenue near 8th Street in New York City and to whom I was introduced to by my Communist Party sponsor - James Magraw.

Details concerning my joining and leaving the Communist Party are to be found in the printed reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the House Sub-Committee on WPA Appropriations (Woodrum Committee), the Rapp-Coudert Committee of New York State, and in the files of the FBI, the Civil Service Commission, the Office of Naval Intelligence, the other investigative agencies of the government with whom I have freely cooperated since leaving the Communist Party early in 1937.

Anna Rosenberg, I was advised by James Magraw, also a Communist Party member, was responsible for passing on the appointments of some of Harry Hopkins' closest administrators such as Jacob Baker, Henry Alsberg, Aubrey Williams, and others who were notoriously liberal in their hiring of known Communists and their appointment of known Communists to top supervisory jobs in the WPA and other New Deal agencies. The history of her appointees is to be found in the various congressional reports cited above. Without exception they showed strong Communist tendencies and did all they could to promote un-Americanism during their tenure and prior to their exposure and resignation under fire. Anna Rosenberg can be trusted, unless she has suddenly changed her previous course of action and sympathy, to again fill our government with subversive or sympathetic to subversive people - Communists, fellow travellers, and friends of fellow travellers.

The foregoing may be investigated and will be supported by the undersigned but it is specifically requested, in the interest of future service to the government, that this statement be treated as confidential and be used only in executive sessions.

Signed in the presence of Benjamin H. Freedman this 5th day of December, 1950

Benjamin H. Freedman [REDACTED]

Signed before me this 5th day of December, 1950 in the City of New York.

Notary: [REDACTED]

FRANK R. RUHN  
Notary Public in the State of New York  
Qualified in the County of New York  
Certificate No. [REDACTED]  
County of New York  
Term Expires March 3, 1955

126-486-126  
8/1-984-981



JPM:ml

New York, New York  
December 7, 1950

I, [ ] hereby voluntarily make the following statement to James P. Martin, James H. Sheffington and Norman E. McDaniel, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to give this statement. I have been told that I do not have to give a statement and I understand that this statement can be used in a court of law.

My correct name is [ ] and I was born in [ ] on [ ]

In the summer of 1934, I was employed as a [ ] at a [ ] known as the [ ] located at [ ] [ ] While employed at this [ ] I became acquainted with a number of people who were sympathetic towards Communism, and through my association with these people I became interested in Communism.

Shortly after ceasing my employment as [ ] at the [ ] I met a person named James Magraw in New York City, who lived on Greenwich Street on the west side of Greenwich Street between Jane and Horatio Streets, New York City. At that time James Magraw told me that he was a member of the Communist Party and Magraw urged me to join the Communist Party. At first I did not agree to join the Communist

26

-2-

Party, but I did, at the request of James Magraw, accompany Magraw to meetings of the John Reed Club. I recall that these meetings that I attended with James Magraw were held in the Greenwich Village section of New York City in the vicinity of 6th Avenue between 8th and 14th Streets. I attended meetings of the John Reed Club at several different locations inasmuch as the club house for the John Reed Club changed locations several times during the period of my attendance at the meetings of this club.

After attendance at several meetings of the John Reed Club in company with James Magraw, I told Magraw that I would join the Communist Party, and did so some time in the

[redacted] After I joined the Communist Party, I was assigned to [redacted] of the Communist Party, whose offices were located on the upper West Side of New York City. I had joined the John Reed Club shortly before I became a member of the Communist Party. I wish to state, however, that I had attended several meetings of the John Reed Club with James Magraw before I formally became a member of the John Reed Club.

I recall that in the period after I ceased employment with the [redacted] [redacted], and the time when I joined the Communist Party, sometime in the [redacted] I attended a meeting with James

2/2

Magraw at the John Reed Club. At this meeting, James Magraw pointed out to me certain people who were prominent in Communist Party activity. I recall that one of the persons he pointed out to me was a person he called Anna Rosenberg, who, Magraw said, was a member of the Communist Party. I recall also that at that time James Magraw told me that this Anna Rosenberg whom he had pointed out to me, was important in welfare and social work. At the time that James Magraw pointed out Anna Rosenberg to me, I felt that James Magraw wanted to impress me with the fact that there were important people such as Anna Rosenberg in the Communist Party, since Magraw at that time was urging me to join the Communist Party. However, I was not overly impressed since I did not know anything about Anna Rosenberg and was not particularly interested in social work.

I also recall that after I did join the Communist Party, I saw this same Anna Rosenberg at meetings of the John Reed Club on about three or four occasions, between the time I joined the Communist Party and up until about the fall of 1935. I also recall that on one of these three or four times that I saw Anna Rosenberg at meetings of the John Reed Club, subsequent to the time she was pointed out to me by James Magraw, James Magraw introduced me to Anna Rosenberg. I can recall speaking to Anna Rosenberg at one of these meetings

52

of the John Reed Club, but as far as I can recall, the conversation between Anna Rosenberg and myself was confined to facts about the wonderful growth of the Communist movement around the John Reed Club.

The last time that I met this Anna Rosenberg was at a meeting of the John Reed Club held on the second floor of the Civic Repertory Theater, located on West 14th Street near 6th Avenue, New York City, about the fall of 1935.

To the best of my knowledge, the John Reed Club was dissolved sometime in the year 1936. In this connection, I wish to state that at the time of its dissolution, Sam Fox, also known as Sam Fastman, financial secretary of Section 18 of the Communist Party, whom I had seen at meetings of the John Reed Club, told me that the John Reed Club had been officially dissolved by the Party and its records ordered destroyed. Fastman explained that the Communist Party feared that the membership records of the John Reed Club might prove to be a source of embarrassment to members of the club who had since attained prominence. He further explained that any disclosures which would reflect unfavorably upon those members of the John Reed Club who were working in behalf of the Communist Party would destroy their usefulness.

I also recall that either before or after a meeting held at the home of James Magraw in 1936, which was a meeting

202

of WPA supervisors who were members of the Communist Party, James Magraw mentioned Anna Rosenberg to me. On that occasion Magraw suggested to me that I forget the names of certain prominent individuals whom I had met at the John Reed Club and the circumstances under which I met them. In this regard he mentioned specifically Anna Rosenberg and added, "You know why". The phrase "you know why" required no further explanation to me inasmuch as it was common knowledge that Anna Rosenberg was prominent in government agencies dealing with social welfare work.

Within the last two or three months, and shortly prior to the appointment of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg to the position of an assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Defense, I observed in the New York Times Sunday magazine section a photograph of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg and an article furnishing her background. I immediately recognized this photograph and identified her in my own mind as the same Anna Rosenberg whom I had met at meetings of the John Reed Club in the past.

Today, December 7, 1950, I was shown two photographs by Special Agent James P. Martin. I identified the individual appearing in these photographs as the Anna Rosenberg whom I had met at meetings of the John Reed Club on four or five occasions in the period from the late summer of 1934 to the

28

fall of 1935. I also identified the individual appearing in these two photographs as the Anna Rosenberg who was pointed out to me at a meeting of the John Reed Club in New York City by James Magraw, at which time Magraw stated she was a member of the Communist Party.

I wish to state that I have written the name Anna Rosenberg on the back of these two photographs and also my name and the date December 7, 1950. I have marked one of these two photographs shown to me by Special Agent James P. Martin with the letter "A" and the other photograph with the letter "B". The photograph marked "B" appears to me to be that of Anna Rosenberg as I knew her from attendance at meetings of the John Reed Club in the period from late summer of 1934 to the fall of 1935.

The other photograph marked "A" also has been identified by me as a photograph of the Anna Rosenberg I saw at meetings of the John Reed Club but I wish to add that this photograph appears to have been taken subsequent to the time that I saw Anna Rosenberg at the John Reed Club. I say this because the photograph marked "A", while recognizable by me as a photograph of the Anna Rosenberg I saw at meetings of the John Reed Club, seems to be Anna Rosenberg looking older than she did when I saw her at these meetings.

24-

-7-

From September 1934 through August 1935, I was a member of the [redacted] [redacted] at Communist Party headquarters, 35 East 12th Street. Further, from [redacted] I was employed as [redacted] [redacted] at the headquarters of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th Street. Both of these [redacted] were subsidized in part by the Communist Party. In view of my employment with [redacted] I had contact with various leading functionaries of the Communist Party at Communist Party headquarters. It was common knowledge at Communist Party headquarters that the John Reed Clubs throughout the United States, including the John Reed Club in New York City, had been set up upon instructions received from Moscow for the purpose of providing a recruiting base to the Party, as well as serving as a sounding board for Communist ideology among artists, writers, professionals and other intellectuals. It is my recollection further that the printed proceedings of the 6th World Congress of the Communist Internationale directed the establishment of John Reed Clubs in principal cities of the United States. Based upon my membership in the John Reed Club and my knowledge of Communist Party activities which I obtained through my employment at Communist

28

Party headquarters, I would say that the John Reed Club was not a completely Communist organization although it was organized by Communists and dominated by them. The club rooms constituted what might be described as "an open house" where a group of about 250 to 300 individuals from various walks of life gathered at regular intervals. I wish to point out that mere attendance at the various meetings and gatherings does not automatically establish that a person was a Communist or even a Communist sympathizer. However, the majority of people frequenting this club were either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

On various visits to the John Reed Club, I observed that the walls of the club room were decorated with Soviet placards, pictures of Lenin, Marx, Stalin and Engels, hammers and sickles, Soviet Red stars, and other Russian decorations. I also observed that a literature table was generally maintained which included the "Daily Worker", "Soviet Russia Today", and a long list of Communist publications and books by Communist authors and Communist sympathizers. While an occasional visit would not label a person in my mind as a Communist sympathizer or Communist Party member, I do know that it would have been evident to any intelligent person after their first visit to the John Reed Club that this club was a Communist organization. Accordingly, my observation of Anna

228



Rosenberg on four or five occasions at various meetings of the John Reed Club, in addition to the information concerning her furnished to me by James Magraw as set out above, convinced me that she was not merely a casual visitor.

While I was associated with the publications "Health and Hygiene" and "New Pioneer", which were published at Communist Party headquarters in New York City, I heard mention of Anna Rosenberg at Communist Party headquarters as a person employed in the government in social welfare work, who had made herself extremely useful to the Communist Party. I recall hearing at Communist Party headquarters, in the period around 1936, that Anna Rosenberg had made herself useful to the Communist Party by appointing members of the Communist Party to key positions in the government and by recommending for employment with the government persons who could be depended upon to employ Communist Party members in the government. I recall hearing in Communist Party headquarters that Anna Rosenberg had been the person who had recommended for employment with the government some of the persons who worked for the government as assistants to Harry Hopkins in the WPA, including the following: Jacob Baker, Aubrey Williams, Helen Woodward, Henry Alsberg, and Alsberg's assistant, Jerre Mangione.

-10-

Of the above persons, Jerre Mangione is the only person, to my knowledge, who was a member of the Communist Party. I have no knowledge as to Communist Party membership on the part of Jacob Baker, Aubrey Williams, Helen Woodward, or Henry Alsberg. I do know that [redacted] whose maiden name was [redacted] in 1936 went to Washington, D. C. and through Jacob Baker secured a [redacted] [redacted] I was told by [redacted] that out of friendship for him she explained that she was a Communist Party member and he said this was all right.

In addition to Anna Rosenberg, at meetings of the John Reed Club, James Magraw pointed out to me as a person prominent in Communist Party circles, and as a member of the Communist Party Edward Dahlberg. I know that Edward Dahlberg was a writer who had been a member of the Communist Party and who is now writing book reviews for the "Free Man", an anti-Communist publication.

James Magraw also pointed out to me at meetings of the John Reed Club one Isidore Schneider, who Magraw indicated, was a Communist Party member of prominence. I know that Isidore Schneider at one time was one of the editors of the "New Masses" and still writes for "Masses and Mainstream", a Communist literary publication.

6/15

In addition to James Magraw, Anna Rosenberg, Edward Dahlberg, and Isidore Schneider, I can recall meeting the following persons at meetings of the John Reed Club and I am listing the names of these persons inasmuch as I feel that some of these persons may have attended meetings of the John Reed Club at which Anna Rosenberg was present:

Robert M. Hanover: This individual was formerly an official of the Soviet American Securities Corporation and was also the director of agitation and propaganda, Section 18 of the Communist Party, of which I was a member. He is a nephew of Elizabeth DeWard, mentioned below.

Robert Vern DeWard: This individual, at the time I knew him, resided at 3 Weehawken Street in Greenwich Village and I attended parties at his home which were attended by other members of the John Reed Club. He was known to me to be a Communist Party member and a close friend of James Lechay, mentioned below. The current Manhattan telephone directory reflects one Robert V. DeWard, 69 Perry Street, telephone Chelsea 3-8140, whom I believe to be identical with the above individual. He was formerly a Communist Party section organizer on the New York waterfront.

Elizabeth DeWard: This individual is the wife of Robert Vern DeWard mentioned above. She was known to me to be

24

a Communist Party member and formerly was secretary to the educational director of the Communist Party at 35 East 12th Street. I understand she is currently a teacher in the New York public school system.

Bradley and Vila Cutler: Mr. and Mrs. Cutler formerly resided on the north side of the street on East 14th Street between 5th Avenue and Union Square. He conducted Marxist study groups in his home which I attended. Both were Communist Party members. I know that Bradley Cutler and his wife are acquainted with James Magraw.

Genevieve Pito: She was a member of the John Reed Club and the accompanist for dancer Helen Tamiris.

Helen Tamiris: This individual is a well known dancer and choreographer who attended meetings at the John Reed Club.

Maxine Picard, also known as Mrs. Maxine Brand: This individual was an artist and sculptress who formerly occupied a studio on 95th Street in New York City. On another occasion she was residing at 117 West 13th Street. She is better known by the name Maxine Picard and was a member of the John Reed Club.

Helen Schneider, 381 Central Park West, New York City: Wife of Isidore Schneider mentioned above. Helen Schneider

82

Formerly was a receptionist at the "Daily Worker" office in Communist Party headquarters. I believe both Helen and Isidore Schneider are still in New York City because I passed them on the street on Thanksgiving day, 1950.

Irving and Stella Buchwald: Both these individuals were members of the John Reed Club and Stella's sister, first name unknown, operated a camp frequented by Communist Party members near Peekskill, New York in the middle 1930's. The current Manhattan telephone directory reflects one Stella Buchwald at 215 East 12th Street and I believe that this may be the same person.

Philip Reisman: He was formerly a Communist Party member and attended meetings of the John Reed Club and reportedly broke with the Communist Party. He was an artist and formerly operated a studio near 38th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, and last resided somewhere in the Columbia Heights section of Brooklyn, New York.

Penina Ishkishkor Reisman: She is the wife of Philip Reisman mentioned above and was also a Communist Party member.

Miss Ishkish: I do not recall the first name of this individual but she was a poetess who frequently wrote for Communist publications and resided in Staten Island, New York. She is a sister of Penina Reisman mentioned above.

28

- 14 -

James Lechay: He was an artist and a Communist Party member who formerly resided at 3 Weehawken Street, New York City in the same building with the DeWard family. He attended meetings of the John Reed Club.

Ivan Black: He attended meetings of the John Reed Club and was in charge of publicity concerning dances in connection with a WPA project. The current Manhattan, New York City telephone directory reflects an individual by that name whose offices are located at 400 Madison Avenue and who resides at 12 East 63rd Street.

Aline MacMahon: She is an actress and formerly attended meetings of the John Reed Club.

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

I married [redacted]

[redacted] Before I married [redacted] I knew her as a [redacted] and before my marriage to her she was [redacted]

[redacted] I do not believe that [redacted]

[redacted] is presently a member of the Communist Party.

In regard to [redacted] also known as [redacted] I wish to state that I know of no specific information she might have concerning Anna Rosenberg. I know that because of her close association with the [redacted]

265

-15-

and her membership in the John Reed Club, it is possible that she may have known or met Anna Rosenberg.

In regard to Anna Rosenberg, I recall reading some of the promotional literature for the publication entitled "Science and Society", which has termed itself in its own publications "a Marxist quarterly", mentioning in 1935 or 1936, that Anna Rosenberg was one of the founders of this publication. I have no information as to the identity of this Anna Rosenberg, mentioned in the promotional literature<sup>OF NY</sup> "Science and Society" as one of the founders of this publication.

I also recall that in the fall of 1936, Mrs. Barney Conal, a member of the Communist Party, who, I believe, is presently residing at 7 West 92nd Street, New York City, told me that Anna Rosenberg was one of the founders of a magazine for social workers. I recall that Mrs. Barney Conal at that time told me that she, Mrs. Barney Conal, was the editor of this magazine for social workers. Mrs. Barney Conal did not furnish me the name of this magazine for social workers or if she did, I have forgotten same, and she furnished me no further identifying information as to this Anna Rosenberg whom she called one of the founders of this magazine for social workers.

I stated above that I joined the Communist Party in the [ ] and was assigned to [ ] of the

28

-16-

Communist Party in New York City. I wish to add that in [ ]  
[ ] I was transferred from [ ] of the  
Communist Party, New York City. At that time I was employed on  
the [ ] I remained a member of the  
Communist Party in [ ] from my transfer to that section  
in [ ] until [ ] when I left the Communist  
Party for good. During my membership in the Communist Party  
I have also used as my Communist Party name, the name [ ]  
[ ]

I have read the above statement, consisting of this  
and fifteen other pages, and I have initialed each page and I  
am signing this, the last page. It is true and correct to the  
best of my knowledge.

Witnesses:

December 7, 1950

James P. Martin, Special Agent, F.B.I., N.Y.

James M. Skeffington, Special Agent, F.B.I., N.Y.

Norman E. McDaniel, Special Agent, F.B.I., N.Y.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

DATE: December 8, 1950

Tolson ☒

Ladd ☒

Clegg ☐

Glavin ☐

Nichols ☒

Rosen ☒

Tracy ☒

Harbo ☐

Mohr ☐

Tele. Room ☐

Nease ☐

Gandy ☐

Mr. Marx Leva, Assistant Secretary of Defense, telephonically advised Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section that Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, was presently attending a hearing on Anna Rosenberg "on the Hill". Leva stated that Larkin had advised him that [redacted] was presently on the stand and that the Committee is of the opinion that [redacted] is lying. Leva stated that Larkin advised him that [redacted] has testified that in 1937 he was interviewed by an Agent Starr of the FBI, at which time he, [redacted] informed Agent Starr that Anna Rosenberg was a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

Mr. Leva stated that [redacted] had testified before the Dies Committee in 1938 regarding the identity of Communists in government service and that he failed to name Anna Rosenberg as one of these individuals.

Mr. Leva stated that he would appreciate it if the Bureau would immediately conduct a search of their records to determine first, if the Bureau had an agent by the name of Starr in 1937, and secondly, if Starr was an employee of the Bureau, did he interview [redacted] and what was the result of this interview. Leva stated he would appreciate immediately a copy of this report or reports.

Mr. Lynch telephonically communicated the above information to Mr. Morris of the Investigative Division.

Mr. Leva stated he would stand by awaiting to hear from the Bureau regarding this request.

RECORDED - 23

INDEXED - 23

126-486121  
JAN 2 1951

ADDENDUM - The indices review at the Bureau concerning Anna Rosenberg failed to reflect any indication that [redacted] has supplied such information to former Special Agent George Starr. New York has been contacted and they advised there is nothing in their indices to bear out [redacted] claim. New York is presently endeavoring to locate George Starr, who is understood to be with the State Department in New York City, to interview him. It is recommended that we telephonically advise Mr. Leva that so far our files check in this matter is negative. EHW

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont *Qel*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

DATE: December 8, 1950

*Calder*

Tolson	_____
Ladd	_____
Clegg	_____
Glavin	_____
Nichols	_____
Rosen	_____
Tracy	_____
Harbo	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Nease	_____
Gandy	_____

Mr. Marx Leva, Assistant Secretary of Defense, telephonically communicated with Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section and desired to know the outcome of the Bureau's check concerning an interview had with [ ] by Agent Starr of the FBI, at which time he, [ ] allegedly informed Agent Starr that Anna Rosenberg was a Communist or Communist sympathizer.

Mr. Leva was advised that so far our file check in this matter is negative.

Mr. Leva then desired to know if the Bureau had in their employee an Agent by the name of Starr in 1937. Mr. Leva was advised that the Bureau did have in their employee at that time an Agent George Starr. Leva then desired to know where he could be located, at which time he was informed that Agent Starr was no longer with the Bureau and that the last information the Bureau had concerning him was that he was in the employee of the State Department.

Mr. Leva stated that [ ] had testified that he had reported to the Bureau hundreds of times since 1937. When questioned as to the identity of the Agents he had talked to, he stated that he talked to one Skeffington (Agent James M. Skeffington's interview with [ ] as reported in the Anna Marie Rosenberg Case in a report dated 12-6-50 at New York City). When questioned as to the identity of other Bureau personnel he had reported to, [ ] mentioned the names of Martin and Boyle. [ ] stated, however, that when he reported to Martin and Boyle he did not discuss Anna Rosenberg.

Leva stated that [ ] had used the aliases of [ ] and [ ]

Mr. Leva stated that he would appreciate being advised if the Bureau in their search uncovered any information regarding an interview had with [ ] by Starr. He was advised that if such was the case, same would be transmitted to him immediately.

RECORDED - 23

INDEXED - 23

MJL:pjb

62 MAR 1951

Of

um

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 8, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

Tolson ☒  
Ladd ☒  
Clegg ☒  
Glavin ☒  
Nichols ☒  
Rosen ☒  
Tracy ☒  
Harbo ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Nease ☒  
Gandy ☒

ASAC Whelan at New York called and advised that they had located Magraw who, according to [redacted] is supposed to have taken him, [redacted] to the John Reed Club meeting. Magraw has advised that [redacted] is the most unreliable person that he, Magraw, had ever known in his life. Magraw stated that he does not recall ever having taken [redacted] to a John Reed Club meeting, and in fact does not recall ever having attended one himself. Magraw also stated that he does not know Anna Rosenberg and never did.

ACTION:

None. The above is submitted for your information.

EHW:WMJ

RECORDED - 17  
INDEXED - 17

59 JAN 13 1951

EX-123

126-486-129

JAN 13 1951

EHW

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB;  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Your attention is directed to page 17 of the report of Special Agent Charles W. Miller dated 9-20-50 at New York in the case entitled ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG - 487, NEE LEDERER - SPECIAL INQUIRY, NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD APPLICANT. It was stated here that ROSENBERG, as a member of the John Reed Club, was one of the signers of a protest issued in a statement to The New York Times on May 19, 1930, attesting to the "Red scare."

There is enclosed one photostatic copy of page 19 of the May 19, 1930, issue of The New York Times, where in column 3, there appears a statement issued by the John Reed Club, 102 West 14th Street, New York City, protesting the "Red scare" and imprisonment of persons for their political opinions. This protest was signed by more than one hundred writers, educators, and artists, among which was the name ANNA ROSENBERG.

The Bureau is requested to advise if they want the persons listed on this petition interviewed, to determine the identity of the ANNA ROSENBERG mentioned.

LHB:RAA  
62-10641

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

EX-123

RECORDED - 17

INDEXED

126-486-130

204

JAN 12 1951

126-486-130

ENCLOSURE





## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: December 8, 1950

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: MRS. ANNA ROSENBERG  
FULTON LEWIS NEWS PROGRAM  
WEAM (MUTUAL)

7:00 p.m., December 8, 1950

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Fulton Lewis, Jr. on his news program tonight made reference to the testimony of [ ] and Mrs. Anna Rosenberg before the Senate Armed Services Committee today. Lewis reported as follows: [ ] was on the witness stand for approximately three [ ] He specifically identified Mrs. Rosenberg as the Anna Rosenberg with whom he was associated in the John Reed Club in New York City when [ ] was a member of that group.

Mrs. Rosenberg vigorously denied the allegation and went into a tirade against Communism. Mrs. Rosenberg ask [ ] to take a good look at her. [ ] went up to Mrs. Rosenberg and from two feet away said "you are the woman."

As of last night (12-7-50) the committee had access to the entire FBI file in this matter. The FBI is presently conducting a nationwide investigation into the charges made by [ ] In spite of the intense cross examination [ ] testimony was unshaken. Two new witnesses will be heard Monday.

RBC-BBC: JAN 17 1951 363

RECORDED - 17

INDEXED - 17

126-486-131

~~60 JAN 17 1951~~

EX-123



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re report of SA JAMES M. SKEFFINGTON dated December 6, 1950, at New York.

[redacted] advised on December 6, 1950, that he is a former member of the Communist Party and the John Reed Club. He stated that he had been present at four or five meetings of the John Reed Club between 1934 and 1937 at which ANNA M. ROSENBERG, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, was also present. [redacted] said that he understood that ANNA ROSENBERG had subsequently become an official with the WPA and that it was general knowledge that she had "okayed" AUBREY WILLIAMS, among others, for various government positions.

On December 7, 1950, [redacted] in a signed statement, advised that he recalled hearing in Communist Party headquarters that ANNA ROSENBERG had been the person who had recommended for employment with the government some of the persons who worked as assistants to HARRY HOPKINS in the WPA, including the following: JACOB BAKER, AUBREY WILLIAMS, HELEN WOODWARD, HENRY ALSBERG, and ALSBERG'S assistant, JERRY MANGIONE.

Of the above persons, [redacted] stated JERRY MANGIONE is the only one he knows of his own knowledge to have been a member of the Communist Party. He said he had no knowledge as to the Communist Party membership of the others.

The files of the New York Office contain the following information concerning AUBREY WILLIAMS:

Bureau letter to New York dated January 15, 1945, entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ETAL; ESPIONAGE - R", had as enclosures copies of summary memorandum on individuals under investigation in this case among whom was HAROLD RUSSELL COY.

Under the heading, "Contacts and Associates of COY", the following appears: "MRS. LOUISE LAZELL, in testifying before the Dies Committee in 1938, indicated that a close relationship existed between COY and AUBREY WILLIAMS".

The memorandum related that an article appearing in the "Hunterdon Republican" of Hunterdon, New Jersey, dated February 15, 1945, captioned, "Aubrey Williams Has Long Record as Red Fellow Traveller", states that the

2 cc: Mobile (Enc. 1) AMSD

TEOB:DAA  
62-10641

RECORDED - 17

INDEXED - 17

EX-123

59 JAN 13 1951  
60 JAN 13 1951126-3486-132  
RECEIVED FBI  
1-4-51

b2  
b7D

Letter to Director  
NY 62-10641

most flagrant of WILLIAMS' appointments of Communists to government positions was that of HAROLD COY, who, according to the article, began his Communist career as a Communist organizer of the Young Workers League in San Francisco, California. The article states that WILLIAMS placed COY in full charge of the editorial work of the Federal Writers Project of the WPA and adds that, "As a result of the exposure of Communist domination of the Writers Project in which WILLIAMS' appointee, COY, was the leading figure, Congress abolished the project".

AUBREY WILLIS WILLIAMS of 517 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, was born August 23, 1890, at Springfield, Alabama. In 1933, he was appointed a Field Representative of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and was appointed Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and Civil Workers Administrator. In 1935, he was appointed Assistant Works Project Administrator and became Executive Director of the National Youth Administration in the same year, continuing in this capacity until 1943. WILLIAMS was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation conducted by the Bureau in 1942.

The report of SA EDWARD W. DOOLEY dated March 1, 1946, at New York entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ETAL; ESPIONAGE - R" states that Mrs. LOUISE LAZELL testified before the Dies Committee on November 19, 1938 and stated that she was employed by the Federal Writers Project and that HAROLD COY felt safe in the protection of Mr. AUBREY WILLIAMS.

The report of SA C. DONALD STAMPLE dated September 12, 1949, at New York, entitled, "NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", contains the following information furnished by Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

This informant advised that AUBREY WILLIAMS, Editor of the "Southern Farmer", was among the individuals who were members of the Ad Hoc Committee to welcome DEAN HEWLETT JOHNSON, Dean of England's Canterbury Cathedral, to the United States on November 12, 1948. The so-called "Red Dean's" first application for a visa was turned down because he was sponsored by the National Council on American-Soviet Friendship, an organization designated as subversive by the Attorney General. American clergymen and educators then formed the Ad Hoc Committee to issue a new invitation to the Dean.

A memo of SA CHARLES F. HEINER dated October 23, 1947 at New York City, entitled, "PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C",

Letter to Director  
NY 62-10641

contains a report of Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, concerning the Henry Wallace Rally held at Madison Square Garden on September 11, 1947. It states that AUBREY WILLIAMS, former head of the National Youth Administration and now editor of the "Southern Farmer", spoke on the offensive civil liberties as an attempt to throw overboard the prime right of freedom to think and to hold whatever beliefs one chooses and cited the case of CARL MARZANI (State Department employee who was fired), the investigation of officers of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and the present wave of "loyalty" purges among government employees.

The "Daily Worker", East Coast Communist newspaper, dated September 8, 1946, lists AUBREY WILLIAMS as one of the initiators of the newly formed American Crusade to End Lynching of which PAUL ROBESON was Chairman.

The files of the New York Office indicate that AUBREY WILLIAMS was former Regional Director of the National Farmers Union, National Vice-Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress, member of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, and President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

The latest information regarding AUBREY WILLIAMS available at the "New York Times" is dated November 16, 1949, and describes him as editor of the farm newspaper, "Southern Farmer" and states he resides in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Mobile Office will interview AUBREY WILLIAMS for any information he has regarding ANNA M. ROSENBERG'S membership in the Communist Party, her attendance at meetings of the John Reed Club during the period 1934 to 1937, and for any other information he may have regarding the allegations made by RALPH DE SOLA as set out above.

For the assistance of the Mobile Office in conducting this interview, a photograph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG taken during the pertinent period is enclosed.

This interview should be given expeditious attention and a report submitted to the Bureau as soon as possible.

December 9, 1950

MEMORANDUM

Re: JAMES MAGRAW

SUMMARY

In 1943, the files of another Governmental agency which conducts personnel and security investigations reflected the following information developed in the course of an investigation: "Henry Alsberg was National Director of the Federal Writers Projects. he has lived with a man by the name of James Magraw. He lived with him in New York. It is a funny situation, but Magraw lived with a girl also. She was a known member of the Communist Party, as is Magraw. Magraw is known today as 'Alsberg's wife.'"

The files of this same agency also reflect that one James Magraw was a supervisor in the Federal Writers Project. According to this information, Alsberg stayed with Magraw in New York and his relationship with Magraw was common knowledge. This agency was also advised that Magraw was a Communist Party member. (Reference 101-6088, Source CSC)

Another Governmental agency that conducts personnel and security investigations also advised in 1943 that James Magraw was known as a Communist while Assistant Director of the WPA Writers Project in New York City from 1936 to 1940. In 1937, according to this agency, James Magraw signed Communist Party Election List from 826 Greenwich Street, New York City. (Reference 101-6088, Source ONI)

In connection with another investigation, it was determined that the records of the Board of Election, New York City, for 1942 reflected that one James Magraw of 226 West Tenth Street, New York City, registered as a member of the American Labor Party. (Reference 101-6088)

Also in connection with a previous investigation, the following background information concerning one James Magraw was obtained from the Marriage License Bureau of New York City: James Magraw obtained his marriage license under the name of McGraw, stating that he was 35 years of age, born September 19, 1906, and that his father's name was Alexander McGraw, mother Marie Muller, both born in the United States.

R.S.PITZER:ige

RECORDED

INDEXED

EX-123

1262486-133

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The marriage license was obtained on April 9, 1942, and Henry G. Alsborg of 226 West Tenth Street, New York City, was one of the witnesses. The bride was Frances Fuchs, age 24, born in New York City on November 1, 1917. Her parents were listed as Aaron Fuchs and Rose Mintzer, both born in Poland. (Reference 101-6088)

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives which conducted hearings in September and October, 1944, concerning Communist Party and party line publications, cited the magazine "Direction" as a party line publication. In Appendix 9 to Volume 17 of the Committee's report appeared the name of one James Magraw as a member of the Advisory Board of this magazine. (Reference 121-2519 Serial 25 Page 4)

It is to be emphasized that no investigation of Magraw has been conducted. The information appearing in the last two paragraphs on page one and the information appearing on page two of this memorandum was obtained during the course of investigations concerning other individuals. The remainder of the information in this memorandum as stated was received from other Government agencies and has not been verified. Its reliability, therefore, is not known.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

4712

SERVICE UNIT  
SEARCH SLIP

4-22a

Supervisor

Pitger

Room

4641

Subj:

James Magraw

☒ Exact Spelling

Searchers

☒ All References

Initial pu

☐ Subversive Ref.

Date 12-8

☐ Main File

☐ Restricted to Locality of

FILE NUMBER

SERIALS

W.D.C.R. Vol #3 p 2416; ✓

W 61-7586-59, p10; ✓

I 101-205-6, ✓

I 121-23367-27 ✓

I 121-2519-25, ✓

W 100-31226-X1, NCO ✓

I 100-7322-18, ✓

I 101-6088-7, 9, ✓

SF 61-7582-1298, p1449. ✓

Jim

NR

P.

NR

[Signature]

Initialed

b7D

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____
FILE	_____

*Rec'd 7:00 PM  
12-9-50  
N.H.*

*DEC 9 1950  
JH  
RECEIVED*

*7B*

RELAY TO WFO

WA AND WFO 11 NY 4 FROM BA 9 5-34 P

DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE  
JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RETELNY EIGHT, INSTANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE RETIRED IN [REDACTED] HE IS

NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ANNA M. ROSENBERG. HE HAS NO  
INFO SHE EVER BELONGED TO THE JOHN REED CLUB OR THE CP. HE  
REMEMBERS A JAMES MAGRAW BY NAME AS A PERSON BELIEVED TO  
BE ASSOCIATED WITH WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, IN NYC, BUT HE NEVER  
HAD INFO AS TO WHETHER MAGRAW WAS OR WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE  
JOHN REED CLUB OR OF THE CP. [REDACTED] IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH  
THE IDENTITY OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. HE IS  
UNABLE TO COMMENT ON MAGRAW, BUT HE BELIEVES [REDACTED] IS  
VERY RELIABLE, VERY INTELLIGENT, AND ONE WHO QUOTE THOUGH MALIGNED  
LIKE WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS PERSISTED IN TELLING THE TRUTH.

UNQUOTE. HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH [REDACTED] DATES FROM NINETEEN FORTY.

[REDACTED] SAYS HE, HIMSELF, WAS WITH WPA FROM THE BEGINNING OF

WPA IN [REDACTED] TO THE END OF WPA IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

END

52 JAN 13 1951

BUREAU ADVISED RECORDED - 29

126-486-134

PAGE TWO

IN THE SPRING OF THIRTYNINE, [ ] CAME TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
AS [ ] IN THE FALL  
OF NINETEEN FORTY, WPA WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF  
HAVING THREE HUNDRED PROJECT WORKERS IN NY UNDER SUSPENSION  
FOR BEING SUSPECTED OF CP MEMBERSHIP. WPA INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
AT THE TIME WAS NOT ADEQUATELY STAFFED, [ ] WAS  
SENT TO NYC TO PERSONALLY INTERVIEW THESE THREE HUNDRED WORKERS  
AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD REMAIN  
SUSPENDED OR SHOULD BE PUT BACK ON THE ROLLS PENDING FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION. [ ] HAD TO LEARN ALL HE COULD  
ABOUT COMMUNISM AT THE TIME BECAUSE HE WAS PRETTY GREEN ON  
THE SUBJECT. HE CONTACTED MANY PERSONS IN NYC FOR INFO TO  
EQUIP HIMSELF FOR THE CONTEMPLATED INTERVIEWS. [ ] WAS  
INCLUDED IN THESE CONTACTS BECAUSE [ ] QUOTE HAD INSIDE  
INFO BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ON THE INSIDE. UNQUOTE. [ ]  
SAYS THAT IN THE FALL OF FORTY, [ ] HAD ALREADY APPEARED  
BEFORE THE DIES COMMITTEE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO TELL WHAT  
HE KNEW, AND HE NATURALLY CONTACTED [ ] AS A [ ]  
REPORTED TO HAVE INFO OF VALUE. [ ] STATES NO ONE WAS MORE  
HELPFUL TO HIM THAN [ ], AND THE INFO [ ] FURNISHED  
CHECKED OUT TO BE VERY RELIABLE. [ ] DOES NOT RECALL  
HAVING EVER DISCUSSED THE JOHN REED CLUB, JAMES MAGRAW OR  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG WITH [ ] BUT [ ] HAD READ TODAY'S  
NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF [ ] APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE, AND HE SAYS, KNOWING [ ] AS HE DOES, HE WOULD  
END OF PAGE TWO



PAGE THREE

GIVE FULL CREDENCE TO WHAT [ ] SAYS. [ ] SUGGESTS  
STEPHEN NAFT MAY HAVE INFO RESPONSIVE TO THE QUESTIONS IN  
RETEL. NAFT WAS ASSOCIATED IN THE [ ] WITH  
[ ] NAFT NOW RESIDES TWO NAUGHT FOUR TWO CRESCENT ST.,  
LONG ISLAND CITY, FIVE, NY, PHONE ASTORIA FOUR DASH FOUR TWO  
FOUR SIX. [ ] RECOLLECTION OF NAFT IS THAT HE WAS ONE OF  
SOME EIGHTEEN SUPERVISORS IN THE WRITERS PROJECT, AND NAFT  
CLAIMED THAT HE, NAFT, AND [ ] WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE  
NOT COMMUNISTS. [ ] BELIEVES NAFT WAS PROBABLY A COMMUNIST  
BEFORE COMING TO THE US FROM EUROPE SOME YEARS AGO, BECAUSE  
NAFT REPRESENTED TASS NEWS AGENCY IN SOUTH AMERICA FOR MANY YEARS.  
[ ] STATES HE IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT -  
THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE CALLED AS A WITNESS IN ANY  
PROCEEDINGS AND HE WANTS HIS IDENTITY TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.  
BUREAU ADVISE NYC IF NAFT SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. WFO FURNISHED  
THIS TEL FOR ITS INFO. REPORT FOLLOWS.

CARSON

END

1  
4

BKM R 4 NYC REOT

PLS ACK AGN

BA R 4 NYC REOT

WA BA R 11 WA DD

DSC

*mg. [unclear] [unclear]  
by [unclear] 10/10/00*

*Rec'd 12-9-50 N.A.*

*3/15*

*(2)*

*126-486-135*

*RECORDED - 29*

*JAN 4 1951*

*67*

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH FROM NEW YORK 24 9 426 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ANNA ROSENBERG, ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPEICAL INQUIRY. BENJAMIN FREEDMAN CONTACTED AGENT OF THIS OFFICE TODAY. HE ADVISED HE RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON LAST EVENING. HE STATED HE WAS IN WASHINGTON WITH [REDACTED] AND THAT BOTH OF THEM WERE UNDER SUBPOENA BY THE SENATE. HE STATED [REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR OVER TWO HOURS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF TEN THIRTY AM AND ONE THIRTY PM. THE COMMITTEE THEN RECESSED UNTIL TWO THIRTY AND THEM [REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. FREEDMAN ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED THE INFO FROM A SOURCE HE COULD NOT RECALL THAT [REDACTED] HAD SAID THAT [REDACTED] FREEDMAN SAID THAT WHEN [REDACTED] WAS RECALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION, [REDACTED] FREEDMAN SAID [REDACTED] COMPLETED HIS TESTIMONY IN THE AFTERNOON AT ABOUT THREE THIRTY AND THAT HE THEN RUSHED

END OF PAGE ONE

RECORDED - 29

JAN 4 1951

PAGE TWO

TO UNION STATION TO RETURN TO NY ON THE CONGRESSIONAL LTD., AS HE HAD TO SEE HIS WIFE IN NEW YORK. FREEDMAN SAID AFTER [ ] HAD LEFT AT THREE THIRTY THAT HE, FREEDMAN, TOLD THE NEWSPAPERMEN THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ANNA ROSENBERG HAD NOT BEEN CONFRONTED BY [ ] AND HE STATED THE NEWSPAPERMEN INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO PLAY THIS ANGLE UP IN THEIR NEWS WRITEUPS. FOR THIS REASON, FREEDMAN STATED THE ~~INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWSPAPERMEN WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE POLICE WHO WENT TO THE STATION AND ASKED FREEDMAN TO GO TO THE COMMITTEE~~ COMMITTEE THEN DECIDED TO BRING [ ] BACK AND THEY SENT SOMEONE TO GET HIM AT UNION STATION, AND THE COMMITTEE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR [ ] TO FLY TO NY AT A LATER TIME IN THE EVENING. ANNA ROSENBERG WAS CONFRONTED BY [ ] AT FIVE FORTY-FIVE P.M. , ACCORDING TO FREEDMAN, AND [ ] POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED HER. FREEDMAN ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. ONE AND ALSO DEC. FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY, THAT ON DEC. FOUR, HE HIMSELF MADE A STATEMENT IN WRITING ABOUT WHAT [ ] HAD TOLD HIM AND ALSO A STATEMENT

END OF PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

THAT HE ATTRIBUTED TO DR. J. B. MATTHEWS. HE STATED THAT MATTHEWS HAD STATED THAT THE CONFORMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA ROSENBERG WAS TERRIBLE AND WOULD PROVE DISASTROUS TO THE UNITED STATES.

FREEDMAN ADVISED THAT HE FIRST WENT TO SEE DR. MATTHEWS IN NY ON NOV. THIRTY AND THAT MATTHEWS HAD MADE THIS STATEMENT TO HIM AT THAT TIME. HE ALSO SAID THAT MATTHEWS TOLD HIM [REDACTED] ON THAT OCCASION THAT HE HAD SENT OUT MIMEOGRAPHED MEMORANDUMS TO ALL THE SENATORS ALLEGING THAT ANNA ROSENBERG WAS UNFIT FOR THE POSITION THAT SHE WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR. MATTHEWS ALSO TOLD FREEDMAN TO GET THE FBI FILE ON ANNA ROSENBERG AND IT WILL SHOW THAT SHE IS THE LEAST DESIRABLE PERSON IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES TO BE PUT IN THAT POSITION. FREEDMAN STATED THAT HE MADE THIS INFO KNOWN TO THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT AND THAT WHEN MATTHEWS FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, HE CONTACTED FREEDMAN AND BERATED HIM FOR MAKING ANY STATEMENT THAT HE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, MATTHEWS, AND HE TOLD FREEDMAN THAT HE INTENDED TO DENY THAT HE HAD MADE ANY

END OF PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

STATEMENT TO FREEDMAN. FREEDMAN ALSO ADVISED HE FIRST WENT TO WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF NOV. TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY. HE CONTACTED A CONGRESSMAN WHOSE NAME HE REFUSED TO DIVULGE, AND THAT THIS CONGRESSMAN GOT IN TOUCH WITH SOME SENATORS FOR HIM. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE CONTACTED JOHN THOMPSON TAYLOR, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN WASHINGTON, AND OMAR KETCHUM, HEAD OF THE VFW IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THESE CONTACTS WITH TAYLOR AND KETCHUM WERE MADE ON DEC. ONE, AND HE STATED THE LEGION AND VFW IN TURN CONTACTED SOMEONE CONNECTED WITH THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. FREEDMAN ADVISED THAT BOTH HE AND DR. MATTHEWS ARE UNDER SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY, DEC. ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY. A REINTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WILL BE CONDUCTED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND INFO RE [REDACTED] WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH HER AT THIS TIME.

SCHEIDT

HOLD

*cc Mr. Rosen*

CONF WASH 18 PHIL 2 FROM FROM NEW YORK

9

1230

DIRECTOR AND SAC

URGENT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. REMYTEL DEC. EIGHT LAST. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW HELEN TAMARIS, RESIDING HOTEL WARWICK RE HER KNOWLEDGE OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND HER MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, THIRTY FOUR THROUGH THIRTY SEVEN. ACCORDING TO MISS TAMARIS HUSBAND, DANIEL NAGRIN, MISS TARARIS WILL LEAVE PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY AND SHE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. BUREAU HAS DIRECTED RESULTS OF ALL INTERVIEWS AND REPORT BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU. SUTEL BUREAU AND NY AND FURNISH REPORTS.

SCHEDIT

END

ACK IN ORDER PLS

NY R 18 WA NRJ

NY R 2 PH VFH

DSC

RECORDED

126-486-136

JAN 15 1951

05 JAN 15 1951

Rec'd 6:30P  
12-9-50  
L.A.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

753-31361  
*[Signature]*  
JAN 1 1951

WASH 20 FROM LOS ANGELES 9 2-54 PM  
DIRECTOR URGENT

0  
ANNA ROSENBERG, LGE. VIRGIL POWELL, SAVOY HOTEL, LA, STATES RECALLS  
BROADCAST BY FULTON LEWIS, JR. APPROX. JUNE, FORTY SIX REGARDING  
ONE CAROLINE WEIR OR WARE WHO WAS ALLEGED TO BE A COMMUNIST. POWELL  
STATES RECALLS IT WAS THEN ALLEGED THAT THERE WAS SOME CONNECTION  
BETWEEN ROSENBERG AND WEIR AND BELIEVES ROSENBERG WAS REFERENCE  
OR RECOMMENDED WEIR FOR EMPLOYMENT . NO OTHER INFO RECALLED.

HOOD

END

LA

HOLD

LA R 20 WA JAK

RECORDED - 64

126-486-137

JAN 4 1951

52 JAN 13 1951

EX-71

6

Rec'd 7:28p  
12-9-50  
M.A.

2B

DEC 9 1950  
J.P.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	

WASHINGTON 14 AND NY 3 FROM PHILADELPHIA

12-9-50

4:55 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC.. U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. RE NY TEL, DEC. NINE. MISS HELEN TAMARIS, WHEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE JOHN REED CLUB . SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE JOHN REED CLUB OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS

CORNELIUS

CC: mw Rosen.

LST WD LST LINE "MEMBERS "

END

WA PH R 14 WA GAR

NY PH R 3 NYC REOT

DSC

RECORDED - 64

126-486-138

JAN 4 1951

56 JAN 13 1951

U.S.P.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
U. S. DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE

DEC - 9 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 68 9 7-33P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. MR. DOUGLAS SAXE, FORMERLY OF THE MICROSTAT CORP. OF NEW ENGLAND, OF NORWALK, CONN., AND PRESENTLY OF FOSTER G. BOWEN CORP., TWO NAUGHT SEVEN EAST FORTY THIRD ST., NYC, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [ ] WAS [ ]

[ ] IN EARLY NINETEEN FORTIES.

IN THIS CAPACITY, [ ] REVIEWED EVERY PICTURE MADE BY THE TWO FIRMS, AND THUS HAD ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED AND TOP SECRET INFO REGARDING EVERY MAJOR WAR PLANT IN NEW ENGLAND. IN PROCESSING THE FILM, ACCORDING TO SAXE, ONLY ONE COPY WAS MADE, WHICH COPY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE RETURNED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTING COMPANIES. DESPITE THIS REGULATION, SAXE STATED THAT IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO HE OBSERVED, ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, AN EXTRA COPY OF THE MICROFILM BEING PREPARED. IT WAS SAXE-S OPINION THAT [ ] WAS HAVING THIS EXTRA COPY PREPARED FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL UNAUTHORIZED USE. THE PHOTOS NOTICED BY SAXE WERE OF PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF GUN MOUNTS BEING MANUFACTURED FOR NAVAL VESSELS BY THE WORTHINGTON PUMP CO. AT ITS HOLYOKE, MASS. PLANT. AS A RESULT OF HIS DISCOVERY, AND BELIEVING THAT [ ] MIGHT BE SELLING COPIES OF THE FILM IN HIS POSSESSION TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, SAXE STATED THAT HE SEVERELY DISCUSSED THIS WITH

52 JAN 13 1951  
END PAGE ONE

RECORDED - 64

71

126-486-139

PAGE TWO

MICROSTAT CORP. ON NOV. THIRTEEN, FORTY TWO AND REDUSED TO ALLOW

TO PROCESS ANY MORE OF THE FILMS UNDER HIS, SAXE-S CONTROL.

THE ABOVE IS FOR INFO PURPOSES.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

RECEIVED  
FEB 11 1951

DEC 9 1950  
TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WASH 5 FROM PHILA 12-9-50 1034 AM

DIRECTOR.. U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN  
REED CLUB, SI. RE NY TEL DEC. EIGHT. JERRY MANGIONE WAS  
SUBJECT OF LGE INVESTIGATION BY PHILA. OFFICE, BUFILE ONE  
HUNDRED DASH TWO NAUGHT FIVE. NY RETEL REQUESTED MANGIONE BE  
INTERVIEWED RE ALLEGATION OF ROSENBERGS MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED  
CLUB. ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO INTERVIEW MANGIONE SOMETIME  
AFTER NOON ON MONDAY UACB.

CORNELIUS

END

PH R 5 WA JIM

52 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 64

EX-71

126-486-140  
JAN 4 1951

b2  
b7D

DEC - 9 1950

TELETYPE

WASH FROM NEW YORK

88

9

11-13 P

DIRECTOR

URGENT

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. CI [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THIS DATE THAT JAY LOVESTONE, SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION, NYC, WAS IN CONTACT WITH CARMEL OFFIE, SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION, WFO. LOVESTONE STATED THAT EVERYBODY HERE IS EXCITED ABOUT ANNA. HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE REFERRING TO ANNA M. ROSENBERG. OFFICE STATED THAT THIS WAS THE CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION AT DINNER PARTY ON TWELVE EIGHT LAST. OFFICE ASKED "IS SHE OR ISN-T SHE THE ONE/QUESTION MARK/" OFFIE STATED THAT HE THINKS THAT SHE IS QUOTE TOO SMART TO GET HERSELF CAUGHT UNQUOTE. LOVESTONE REMARKED QUOTE I THINK THAT AND ALSO I THINK THAT THAT WHOLE PERIOD YOU KNOW IS TOO SILLY FOR WORDS UNQUOTE. THE ABOVE IS BEING SUBMITTED FOR INFO OF BUREAU.

HOLD

52 JAN 17 1951

RECORDED - 64

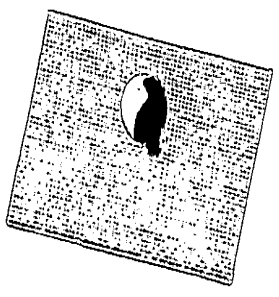
EX-77

126-486-141

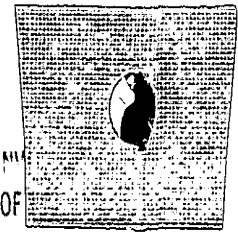
JAN 4 1951

111111

NA  
92



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	<i>[Signature]</i>

4710

WASH AND WASH FLD 39 FROM NEW YORK 11 9-50 P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

0  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RENYTEL DECEMBER ELEVEN INSTANT.  
WFO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BENJAMIN MANDEL, FORMER INVEST-  
IGATOR FOR HCUA, KNOWN TO WFO RE SUBJ, JAMES MC GRAW, AND OTHER  
PERTINENT POINTS OF INSTANT INQUIRY. IF MANDEL IS NOT IN D.C.,  
WFO REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATE WHEREABOUTS AT NYC. SUREP AND  
SUTEL TODAY.

SCHEIDT

11111111  
44444444

50 JAN 13 1951  
TWO COPIES WFO

126-486-142  
RECORDED - 75  
JAN 4 1951

67

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*[Handwritten signature over Mr. Rosen and Mr. Tracy]*

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 45

11

10-18 P

4710

DIRECTOR

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB. SI. VICTOR LASKY, WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN REPORTER, ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THE JOHN REED CLUB AND NONE KNEW OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB - CHARLES YALE HARRISON, GRANDVILLE HICKS, AND MAX EASTMAN.

59 JAN 13 1951  
HOLD PLS

RECORDED - 75

126-486-143  
JAN 4 1951 SCHEIDT

DEPT. OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 62 11 11-50P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTN...ASSIST. DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SI. REVIEW OF INFORMANT FILE ON [REDACTED] FAILS TO REFLECT ANY MENTION OF ANY ROSENBERG BY [REDACTED] TO ANY AGENT. FILE REFLECTS THAT FORMER AGENT KIRKPATRICK CONTACTED [REDACTED] IN AUGUST, FORTY SIX SUBSEQUENT TO KIRKPATRICK-S RESIGNATION FROM THE BUREAU. KIRKPATRICK RESIGNED NOV. NINE, FORTY FIVE AND HIS CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] BEGAN IN AUGUST, FORTY SIX. NO INDICATION IN [REDACTED] FILE THAT [REDACTED] EVER CONTACTED BY KIRKPATRICK WHILE KIRKPATRICK WAS AGENT. THIS FILE REFLECTS THAT [REDACTED] WAS HANDLED AS AN INFORMANT IN THE NY OFFICE BY FORMER SA CHARLES O. BLAISDELL WHO SUBSEQUENTLY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH KIRKPATRICK. REVIEW OF REFERENCES OF ANNA ROSENBERG THUS FAR COMPLETED FAILS TO REFLECT ANY INFO INDICATING THAT [REDACTED] EVER REPORTED ANY INFO ON ANY ROSENBERG. EFFORTS TO CONTACT KIRKPATRICK TO BE MADE MORNING OF DEC. TWELVE, FIFTY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF CONTACT AND FILE SEARCHES.

RECORDED - 75  
SCHEIDT

126-486-144  
JAN 4 1951

END, ACK PLS.

NYC 56 JAN 15 1951  
WA LRP

cc: Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Ladd

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 38

11

9-35 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SI.  
REBUTEL DEC. TEN LAST.

BOARD OF ELECTION RECORDS FOR NY COUNTY REFLECT JAMES MAGRAW REGISTERED AS COMMUNIST FROM EIGHT TWO SIX GREENWICH STREET, NYC IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, AS ALP NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO FORTY NINE INCLUSIVE, AS DEMOCRAT NINETEEN FORTY AND FORTY ONE. REGISTRATIONS FOR OTHER YEARS FOR PERIOD BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AND FIFTY NOT LOCATED TO DATE. JAMES MC GRAW REINTERVIEWED DEC. ELEVEN AND STATED HE ORIGINALLY SPELLED NAME MAGRAW BUT HAS USED PRESENT SPELLING FOR ABOUT PAST TEN YEARS. AT OUTSET DENIED EVER REGISTERING AS COMMUNIST BUT ADMITTED SAME WHEN TOLD OF EXISTENCE OF ABOVE RECORD. STATED THIS WAS SOLE REGISTRATION AS COMMUNIST AND ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN SAME SAYING HE BELIEVED IN SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES OF CP AND INTENDED TO VOTE FOR SOME OF THEIR CANDIDATES IN THIRTY SIX. HE THEN RETRACTED ORAL STATEMENT OF DEC. EIGHT THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN ANTI COMMUNIST AND ADMITTED BEING PRO COMMUNIST TO LIMITED EXTENT DURING PERIOD ABOUT THIRTY FOUR TO THIRTY SIX. STATED HE HAD UNDERSTOOD HIS STATEMENT OF DEC. EIGHT RELATED

END PAGE ONE

RECORDED - 75

126-486-145  
JAN 1 1951

615 JAN 15 1951



° PAGE TWO

TO MEMBERSHIP ALONE AND THAT HIS STATEMENT OF ANTI COMMUNIST FEELINGS RELATED TO PRESENT PRINCIPLES AND BELIEFS SINCE THIRTY SIX. AGAIN CATEGORICALLY DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN CP AND SPECIFICALLY IN WATERFRONT SECTION OF CP. DENIED HAVING BROUGHT [ ] TO CP MEETING AT HUDSON STREET OR HAVING SIGNED THE LATTER-S CP APPLICATION. DENIED ATTENDANCE AT MARXIST STUDY CLUB AT HOME OF BRADLEY CUTLERS BUT STATES IT IS POSSIBLE HE MET [ ] BEFORE [ ] AND [ ] STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL [ ] OTHER THAN BEING [ ] AND COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION FOR HER ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS MEMBER OF CP. DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN CP UNIT OF TOP SUPERIORS OF WRITERS PROJECT WITH ORRIK JOHNS, LOUELLA HENKLE, RUTH CRAWFORD, [ ] AND IVAN BLACK. DENIED KNOWLEDGE THAT [ ] AND IVAN BLACK EVER [ ] BUT STATES HE KNEW [ ] CONCERNING [ ]

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

MC GRAW UNABLE TO RECALL SAME BUT STATES IT WAS PRACTICE DURING EXISTENCE OF WRITERS PROJECT FOR AN ENTIRE ISSUE OF A MAGAZINE TO BE PRODUCED SOLELY BY WRITERS ON THE PROJECT AND THUS HIS NAME COULD HAVE APPEARED ON ADVISORY BOARD IF MAGAZINE "DIRECTION" HAD MADE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH WPA. STATES "RANK AND FILE FEDERATIONIST" HAD OFFICE AT ONE UNION SQUARE, NYC AND HE WAS EMPLOYED AS EDITOR FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS IN NINETEEN THIRTY THREE OR THIRTY FOUR. STATES IT WAS THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF A GROUP KNOWN AS THE RANK AND FILE GROUP OF THE AF OF L FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR SOME SIMILAR TITLE. STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS PUBLICATION OR GROUP WAS CONTROLLED, INFLUENCED OR SYMPATHETIC TO CP. STATED HE LIVED WITH THREE WOMEN PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, DECLINED TO FURNISH THEIR IDENTITY. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO IDENTIFY THESE OTHER THAN GENEVIEVE PITO, THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED. IN CONCLUSION, MC GRAW STATED THAT HE WOULD STAND BY HIS

---

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

SIGNED STATEMENT OF DEC. EIGHT, EVEN UNDER OATH, REITERATING HIS DENIAL OF ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND RESTATED HIS BELIEF THAT [ ] WAS ACTING SOLELY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. AS EXAMPLE OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN [ ] HAD SO ACTED WAS ABLE TO CITE ONLY [ ] PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS OF DEC. ELEVEN FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD, MC GRAW WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AT HIS RESIDENCE AND ADVISED OF DESIRES OF SENATE COMMITTEE THAT HE PROCEED TO WASH., DC ON SAME EVENING VIA PLANE SO AS TO ARRIVE THERE TO TESTIFY ON EVENING OF SAME DATE. MC GRAW INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FUNDS WERE ADVANCED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, MR. RICHARD H. KUH, NY ATTORNEY, WAS SO ADVISED AND STATED THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT MC GRAW AND ARRANGE TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON WITH LATTER. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH AVAILABLE INFORMANTS AND ASSOCIATES OF MC GRAW TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS IN FACT MEMBER OF CP.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

*cc Mr Rosen.*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1955

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH 29 NEWARK 4 BALTI 1 FROM NEW YORK 11 8-07 P  
DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

VICTOR LASKY, STAFF WRITER FOR THE WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN, ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH HIS NEWSPAPER IS FOLLOWING THE POLICY OF BACKING ANNA ROSENBERG, HE HAD SOME INFO THAT HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF VALUE TO THE INVESTIGATION WHICH THIS BUREAU IS CONDUCTING. HE STATED THE NY TIMES, ISSUE OF MAY NINETEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY, SET FORTH A LIST OF NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB, AMONG THOSE LISTED BEING ANNA ROSENBERG AND ESTHER SHE-NITZ. LASKY RELATED THAT HIS PAPER HAS INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT ONE ANNA ROSENBERG, AND UNKNOWN WRITER OR AUTHORESSS, WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE IN TRENTON, NJ, IN JULY OF NINETEEN THIRTY., THAT THE JULY THIRTIETH, NINETEEN THIRTY, EDITION OF THE DAILY WORKER HAS A SHORT STORY CONCERNING AN ELECTION RALLY THAT WAS BROKEN UP IN TRENTON, NJ. LASKY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS STORY REFERS TO THE ARREST OF ANNA ROSENBERG IN TRENTON. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS SOME INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT JOHN SODERBERG WAS ALSO ARRESTED WITH ANNA ROSENBERG AT TRENTON. SODERBERG, ACCORDING TO LASKY, WAS SENT TO SING SING IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO FOR DYNAMITING A BARGE AT PIER ELEVEN, EAST RIVER, NYC. SODERBERG, ALSO, ACCORDING TO LASKY, WAS A SECRETARY OF THE INDEPENDENT BOATHWENS UNION. THE NEWARK OFFICE WAS TELE-

RECORDED - 15 126-486-146  
JAN 1 1956

END PAGE ONE

PAGE TWO

PHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE INFO AND WAS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY CHECK WITH THE TRENTON PD IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ALL INFO CONCERNING THE ARREST OF ANNA ROSENBERG AND HER IDENTITY, AS WELL AS TO REVIEW THE TRENTON NEWSPAPERS FOR THAT PARTICULAR PERIOD TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY BIOGRAPHICAL INFO REGARDING HER, OR IF POSSIBLE A PICTURE EITHER IN THE PAPER OR AT THE POLICE DEPT. INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT SING SING PRISON TO DETERMINE THE DATE OF SODERBERGS RELEASE, AND EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS SO THAT HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED. THE STORY APPEARING IN THE JULY THIRTIETH, NINETEEN THIRTY, EDITION OF THE DAILY WORKER IS BEING CHECKED AND THE CONTENTS THEREOF WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU. THE ESTHER SHEMITZ MENTIONED ABOVE IS OF COURSE THE PRESENT WIFE OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. THE BALTIMORE OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE TO INTERVIEW MRS. CHAMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE ANNA ROSENBERG SET FORTH IN THE PETITION IN THE NY TIMES OF MAY NINETEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY. SUTEL AND SUREP IMMEDIATELY.

SCHEIDT

WA AND NK ACK AND DISC PLS    BA HOLD PLS

WA    NY R 29 WA MIM

NK    NY R 4 NK CEG

*cc: Mr. R. L. ...*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen *RS* \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WASH 6 AND PHILA 1 FROM NEW YORK 11 12-44<sup>3</sup> XXXXX 12-41 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

0  
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL  
INQUIRY. SUREP IMMEDIATELY ON ALL LEADS COVERED PHILADELPHIA OFFICE.  
FIVE COPIES BUREAU, FOUR NY.

SCHEIDT

END

WA NY R6 WA NM

NY R 1 PH MOB

DISC

RECORDED - 15

126-486-147  
JAN 4 1951

EX-123

59 JAN 13 1951

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

0-9a

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 11, 1950

URGENT

Transmit the following message to:

SAC CLEVELAND

ALLEGATION OF ~~ALLEGED~~ OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN  
JOHN REID CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. ROSENBERG IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION  
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHE  
ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REID CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE  
MIDDLE THIRTIES AND WAS ALSO A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AT THAT  
TIME. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM A  
INVESTIGATOR IN THE EMPLOY OF SENATOR McCARTHY. SENATOR McCARTHY  
ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A FATHER GREGORY OF KENT  
COLLEGE IN OHIO WHO INDICATED THAT WITHIN THE LAST MONTH HE  
HAD TALKED IN G-2 AND ADVISED THEM THAT HE KNEW ANNA ROSENBERG'S  
ANTECEDENT. HE SAID ONE RELATIVE WHOSE NAME VERY PHONETICALLY  
WAS MATJAR RAKOSI IS NOW SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE SECRET  
POLICE IN HUNGARY. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ROSENBERG LISTS HER  
BIRTH AS JULY NINETEEN NINETEEN TWO, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. HER  
FATHER WAS LISTED BY HER AS ALBERT LEDERER AND MOTHER AS CHARLOTTE  
BACSKAI LEDERER BOTH BORN HUNGARY. INTERVIEW FATHER GREGORY FOR  
ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION PERTAINING TO ABOVE STATEMENT  
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS BY TEL AND ADVISE

Tolson  
Ladd  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Nichols  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Harbo  
Belmont  
Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Nease  
Gandy

ALL OFFICES TO SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORTS TO BUREAU. THIS  
MATTER IS URGENT. IMPORTANCE OF COVERING LEADS IMMEDIATELY AND  
SUBMITTING TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER CANNOT

OVER EMPHASIZED NEW YORK ORIGIN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

RECORDED - 15

HOOPER

JAN 4 1951

RSP:pg

126-486

DEC 11 1950

SENT VIA

TELETYPE

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE  
12-11-50

FBI WASH DC

525PM GAR

SAC, CLEVELAND U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. ROSENBERG IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE MIDDLE THIRTIES AND WAS ALSO A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AT THAT TIME. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM AN INVESTIGATOR IN THE EMPLOY OF SENATOR MCCARTHY. SENATOR MCCARTHY ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A FATHER GREGORY OF KENT COLLEGE IN OHIO WHO INDICATED THAT WITHIN THE LAST MONTH HE HAD TALKED TO G-2 AND ADVISED THEM THAT HE KNEW ANNA ROSENBERG-S ANTECEDENTS. HE SAID ONE RELATIVE WHOSE NAME VERY PHONETICALLY WAS [REDACTED] IS NOW SUPPOSED TO BE T [REDACTED]

b7D

[REDACTED] FOR YOUR INFORMATION ROSENBERG LISTS HER BIRTH AS JULY NINETEEN NINETEEN TWO, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. HER FATHER WAS LISTED BY HER AS ALBERT LEDERER AND MOTHER AS CHARLOTTE BACSKAI LEDERER BOTH BORN HUNGARY. INTERVIEW FATHER GREGORY FOR ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION

PERTAINING TO ABOVE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS BY TEL AND ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORTS TO BUREAU. THIS MATTER IS URGENT. IMPORTANCE OF COVERING LEADS IMMEDIATELY AND SUBMITTING TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

HOOVER

END

ACK PLS

OK FBI CV JW



I think the most fruitful line of attack would be to see if one of the dozen people I have listed in my Dec. 14, 1950, release, p. 3 col. 2, would be willing to talk. Most of them I surmise are friends of Mrs. Rosenberg and would not talk unless subpoenaed. The Armed Services Committee would not look into this angle.

Please feel free to call on me at any time of night if you have a night investigator working on this. I am happy to serve and will be glad to bring in all my documentary material. What I have is the best in the country, I think.

Cordially yours,

*Marjorie Shearon*

126-486-148  
*lp*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

0-9a

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 11, 1950

Transmit the following message to:

URGENT

SAC BALTIMORE  
PHILADELPHIA

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN  
REID CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BALTIMORE TELS DECEMBER SEVEN  
AND DECEMBER NINE, AND PHILADELPHIA TEL DECEMBER NINE LAST.  
SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ON RESULTS  
OF INVESTIGATIONS. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

HOOVER

RSP:pgg  
126-486

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDED - 20  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

52 JAN 13 1951 TELETYPE

SENT VIA

904PM

Per

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI  
RECEIVED READING ROOM  
DEC 11 4 55 PM '50

126-486-149  
JAN 4 1951

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

*min*  
TELETYPE

BALTIMORE 5      PHILADELPHIA 8      FROM WASH DC 11      9-04 PM

SAC      U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE BALTIMORE TELS DECEMBER SEVEN AND DECEMBER NINE, AND PHILADELPHIA TEL DECEMBER NINE LAST. SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ON RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

HOOVER

PH ACK AND DISC PLS BA HOLD PLS

PH /2 WA R 8 PH FMM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

0-9a

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 11, 1950

Transmit the following message to:

URGENT

SAC KANSAS CITY

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN  
JOHN REID CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. ROSENBERG IS A WAITING CONFIRMATION  
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHE  
ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REID CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE  
MIDDLE THIRTIES AND WAS ALSO A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AT THAT  
TIME. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM AN  
INVESTIGATOR IN THE EMPLOY OF SENATOR McCARTHY. SENATOR McCARTHY  
ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AN ATTORNEY, JAMES T. JENNINGS,  
ONE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT OAK STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI IN WHICH  
JENNINGS ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT A COMMUNIST TOLD HIM THAT HARRY MAN  
IS IN CHARGE OF PUTTING REDS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER THAT  
ANNA ROSENBERG IS QUOTE VERY RED. UNQUOTE INTERVIEW JENNINGS  
THOROUGHLY CONCERNING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS OBTAIN HIS REASONS FOR  
THESE ALLEGED STATEMENTS, SOURCES, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION,  
AND SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS TO VERIFY BY TEL. IN SETTING OUT  
LEADS ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORTS TO BUREAU.

THIS MATTER IS URGENT. IMPORTANCE OF COVERING LEADS IMMEDIATELY  
AND SUBMITTING TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER  
CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RSP:pg

126-486

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

RECORDED - 20

DEC 11 1950

52 JAN 13 1951

TELETYPE

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

12-11-50

4-25 PM

EM

SAC KANSAS CITY

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. ROSENBERG IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE MIDDLE THIRTIES AND WAS ALSO A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AT THAT TIME. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM AN INVESTIGATOR IN THE EMPLOY OF SENATOR MCCARTHY. SENATOR MCCARTHY ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AN ATTORNEY, JAMES T. JENNING, ONE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT OAK STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI IN WHICH JENNINGS ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT A COMMUNIST TOLD HIM THAT HARRIMAN IS IN CHARGE OF PUTTING REDS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER THAT ANNA ROSENBERG IS QUOTE VERY RED. UNQUOTE INTERVIEW JENNINGS THOROUGHLY CONCERNING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS OBTAIN HIS REASONS FOR THESE ALLEGED STATEMENTS, SOURCES, AND ANY OTHER PERINENT INFORMATION, AND SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS TO VERIFY BY TEL. IN SETTING OUT LEADS ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORTS TO BUREAU. THIS MATTER IS URGENT. IMPORTANCE OF COVERING LEADS IMMEDIATELY AND SUBMITTING TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER CANNOT BE OVER EMPAHSIZED. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

HOOVER

END

ACK PLS

OK FBI KC DM

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen *[initials]*
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan*

FBI INDIANAPOLIS 12-11-50 4-25 PM CST NR

DIRECTOR URGENT

MRS ANNA M. ROSENBERG, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REURTELEPHONE CALL.

[redacted] ADVISES HE WAS WORKING UNDERCOVER FOR [redacted]  
[redacted] NEW YORK CITY IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, AS SUCH  
WAS MEMBER OF LOCAL ONE S OF RWDSU - CIO, IN NEW YORK CITY AND DURING  
THIS PERIOD TOLD KIRKPATRICK, NOW OF COUNTER ATTACK THAT MRS ROSENBERG  
AS LABOR RELATIONS CONSULTANT FOR R H MACY COMPANY WAS CONVEYING  
INFORMATION TO LOCAL ONE S THROUGH LAW FIRM OF NEWBAUER, PHONETIC,  
SHAPIRO ETC. LOCAL ONE S THEN HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY CP. PRESIDENT  
SAM KOVENETSKY NOW BELIEVED PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENT LOCAL SAME COMPANY  
AND WOULD POSSIBLY BE AGREEABLE TO FURNISHING INFORMATION OR RESPONDING  
TO SUBPOENA. [redacted] HAS NEVER SEEN ROSENBERG PERSONALLY AND ACCORDING  
HAS NOTHING WHICH HE COULD TESTIFY TO. HE WAS NOT IN NEW YORK IN  
NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR THIRTYEIGHT.

FOSTER

K END

ACK PLS WA

HOLD AFTER ACK PLS

52 JAN 13 1951

FOR 527 PM OK FBI WA GD

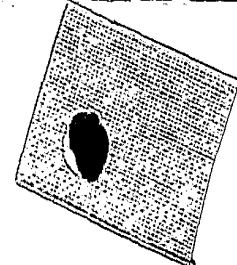
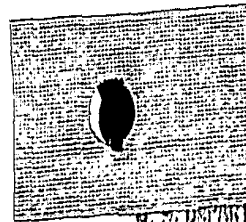
RECORDED - 20

126-486-151

JAN 4 1951

40-00

*[Handwritten signature]*



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11/1950  
TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

2B  
2B

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 59

11

11-30 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. [REDACTED] WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH THIS OFFICE LATE DEC. ELEVENTH AND ADVISED THAT SHE HAD ASCERTAINED "STRONGER THAN A RUMOR" FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED WASHINGTON NEWS SOURCE THAT ANNA ROSENBERG HAD MADE A REQUEST TO HAVE HER TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AMENDED. NO FURTHER INFO WAS AVAILABLE FROM [REDACTED] REGARDING THIS.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

RECORDED - 20

126-486-152

JAN 4 1951

50 JAN 13 1951

EX-73

6

2B  
2B

FBI WASHINGTON

12/11/50

8:25 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI & SAC, NEW YORK

U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB.  
S.I. RE NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED TODAY. HOUSE DISBURSING OFFICE REPORTS  
LAST ADDRESS OF WALTER K. VAN OLINDA AS SIX FIVE ZERO EAST TWENTYFOURTH  
STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. CHECK OF WPA PERSONNEL FILES REFLECTS  
FOUR ANNA ROSENBERGS, AS FOLLOWS. ANNE ROSENBERG, EMPLOYED AS  
RECREATION TEACHER FROM APPROXIMATELY MAY THIRD, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT  
TO FEBRUARY ELEVENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. HER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS  
WAS TWO ONE ONE FIVE WASHINGTON AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK. PRIOR ADDRESSES  
WERE SEVEN EIGHT THREE FOX STREET, NEW YORK CITY AND THREE SIX FIVE  
SEVEN BROADWAY, MANHATTAN. ALSO ANNA S. ROSENBERG, EMPLOYED AS A  
SEAMSTRESS FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT  
TO OCTOBER EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, RESIDED AT ONE SIX SEVEN  
FIVE PARK PLACE, MANHATTAN. ANN ROSENBERG, NEE PERIMUTTER, WAS  
EMPLOYED FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX  
TO MARCH FIFTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. HER LAST RESIDENCE LISTED AS  
SIXTEEN EVERETT STREET, LYNBROOK, LONG ISLAND. PREVIOUS ADDRESS WAS  
SIXTEEN ELLIOTT PLACE, LYNBROOK, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, WHERE SHE  
RESIDED UNDER NAME PERIMUTTER. ALSO ANNIE ROSENBERG, EMPLOYED AS  
A LUNCHROOM WORKER FROM APPROXIMATELY JUNE EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT  
TO JULY SEVENTH, NINETEEN FORTYTWO. HER LAST ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS

RECORDED: 20

DFM:PJD

77-15072

JAN 15 1951

EX-73

726-486-153



PAGE TWO  
DIRECTOR & SAC, NEW YORK

ONE TWO SEVEN CLINTON STREET, MANHATTAN. IN CHECKING PROJECT NUMBERS  
TO WHICH ABOVE FOUR PERSONS WERE ASSIGNED, IT WAS NOTED NONE CORRESPONDED  
TO THE PROJECT TO WHICH MAGRAW AND JOHNS WERE ASSIGNED. REVIEW OF HCUA  
PUBLIC HEARINGS REVEALED [REDACTED] TESTIFIED SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN  
THIRTYEIGHT; NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT; AND ON NOVEMBER  
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. EXAMINATION OF HIS TESTIMONY FAILED  
TO REFLECT ANY REFERENCE TO ANNA ROSENBERG.

REBUTEL DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, EXAMINATION OF WPA PERSONNEL  
FILE OF ORRIC JOHNS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING  
ANNA ROSENBERG TO OR FROM HENRY ALSBERG. EXAMINATION ALSO MADE  
OF WPA INVESTIGATIVE FILES UNDER NAMES ANNA ROSENBERG, ORRIC JOHNS,  
AND HENRY ALSBERG, AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY LETTER AS  
REFERRED TO ABOVE. EXAMINATION OF HCUA RECORDS HOWEVER REFLECTS  
THAT, ON DECEMBER SIXTH, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, HENRY G. ALSBERG,  
IN APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AS REFLECTED IN THE BOUND VOLUME  
OF HCUA PUBLIC HEARINGS, TESTIFIED CONCERNING JOHNS' APPOINTMENT  
AS FOLLOWS. MR. JOHNS WAS GOING ON THE PROJECT BY REQUEST,

✓  
QUOTE

PAGE THREE

DIRECTOR, AND SAC, NEW YORK

ORIGINALLY TO SUPERVISE, WHEN THE PROJECT WAS STARTED. THE FIRST PROJECT WE HAD WAS CALLED A REPORTING PROJECT. IT WAS TO REPORT ON WPA ACTIVITIES AND SEND REPORTS IN TO WASHINGTON FOR USE IN THE COMPILING OF NATION DASH WIDE REPORTS. WE HAD THOSE PROJECTS SET UP IN A GREAT MANY STATES. MR. JOHNS WAS REQUISITIONED BY THE THEN WOMEN'S UNPROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROFESSION IN NEW YORK CITY. I DID NOT KNOW MR. JOHNS. THEY CAME TO ME AND SAID DASH DASH I WAS UP THERE TRYING TO GET THE PROJECT STARTED AND THEY CAME TO ME AND SAID, QUOTE WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS MAN ON; HE SEEMS TO BE VERY GOOD. UNQUOTE I SAID, QUOTE IF YOU WILL WRITE A REQUISITION TO THAT EFFECT AND TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT, I WILL PUT ON MR. JOHNS, UNQUOTE BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW HIM. AND THAT WAS DONE. AND THAT IS THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO. PARAGRAPH THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION WHEN THESE THINGS WERE STARTED AND THEY SAID, QUOTE HE WILL MAKE A GOOD SUPERVISOR FOR THE REPORTERS' PROJECT. UNQUOTE FOR QUITE A WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING BUT A REPORTERS' PROJECT IN NEW YORK UNTIL WE GOT MORE PEOPLE ON, AND MR. JOHNS STAYED AS THE REPORTERS' PROJECT. UNQUOTE

DEC 11 10 35 PM '30

PAGE FOUR  
DIRECTOR & SAC, NEW YORK

THE WPA PERSONNEL FILE ON JOHNS REFLECTS THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO  
WPA ON SEPTEMBER THREE, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE, AND RESIGNED AUGUST  
ONE, NINETEEN FORTYONE. NEW YORK WILL CONTACT VAN OLINDA, AND  
WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF CONTACTING THE FOUR ANNA ROSENBERGS  
SET FORTH IN THIS TELETYPE.

DEC 15 3 34 PM '30  
RECEIVED - DIRECTOR  
DEC 15 10 10 AM '30

HOTTEL

RECEIVED - DIRECTOR  
DEC 15 3 10 PM '30

cc Mr Rosen

LH

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 11, 1950

FROM : *[Signature]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELDSUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

In connection with the above-captioned inquiry, the Bureau's attention is directed to Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated May 22, 1950, in the case entitled "ROI OTTLEY, Aka SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS, VOICE OF AMERICA, Bureau File 123-4705."

The above noted letter points out that during the OTTLEY investigation it was ascertained from Miss A. TURNER, Chief of Files, House Committee on Un-American Activities, that HCUA had in storage a great mass of unindexed and unclassified material in four packing cases concerning the Works Progress Administration activities in New York City. Miss TURNER made available these four packing cases, which is alleged to be identical with the material subpoenaed by the Dies Committee in 1940 and 1941 during their investigation of subversive activities of the WPA in New York City. An examination of this material revealed some 700 case folders containing allegations against employees of the different projects of the WPA in New York City. It also included some statements signed by employees in answer to these allegations. Also contained in these files were rosters, investigations, and official correspondence of the WPA in New York City.

The above noted records were only examined in connection with the OTTLEY investigation and the references to OTTLEY were secured. There is nothing in the HCUA indices which makes any reference to this material and it is of course not known whether there are any references to ANNA ROSENBERG therein. The above records, however, are being called to the Bureau's attention and no action is being taken by this office at this time to review them since it is not known whether the material is of any pertinence to the instant inquiry.

WCR:mkh  
77-15072

126-486-157

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____
JOHN	_____

WASHINGTON 3 FROM PHILA. 12-11-50 12.06 PM VFH  
DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. SA ROBERT W. HOLMES OF THIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED IS CLASSMATE AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF HUGH F. MC KENNA, WHO WORKED DIRECTLY UNDER ROSENBERG WHEN SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF REGION TWO /NY STATE/ IN SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD, IN LATE THIRTIES AND EARLY FORTIES. MC KENNA PRESENTLY LIVING IN BALTIMORE AND EMPLOYED AT SOCIAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN BALTIMORE OR WASHINGTON. BECAUSE OF PAST ASSOCIATION WITH ROSENBERG, MC KENNA MAY HAVE PERTINENT INFO. IN THIS INQUIRY. BUREAU SHOULD INSTRUCT IF DESIRES MC KENNA INTERVIEWED.

CORNELIUS

END

FM R S WA EN

RECORDED - 15

EX-123

126-486-155

661174015

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *sk*

FROM : A. H. Belmont *sk*

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED  
MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M.  
ROSENBERG IN THE  
JOHN REED CLUB  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 11, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*MA*

This is to advise and make a matter of record that the following reports were turned over to Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, on Sunday, December 10, 1950:

Copy of report of James P. Martin, dated December 9, 1950, at New York.

Photostatic copy of report of Daniel F. McGillicuddy, dated December 10, 1950, at Washington, D. C.

Photostatic copy of the magazine "New Masses", dated December 8, 1942.

Blind memorandum dated December 9, 1950, Re James Magraw.

MJL:lw  
mgl

RECORDED - 36

52 JAN 13 1951

126-486-156

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN ✓  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd ✓  
 SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG

DATE:

December 11, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I received a call this morning from Don Surine, investigator for Senator McCarthy. He stated that Senator McCarthy had received information from a Father Gregory, of Kent College, in Ohio, who indicated that within the last month he had talked with someone in G2 and advised them that he knew Anna Rosenberg's antecedents; that one relative of Anna Rosenberg, whose name (very phonetically) was [redacted] is now supposed to be the [redacted]

b7D

Mr. Surine further advised that Senator McCarthy had received a letter from an attorney James T. Jennings, 1200 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, in which Jennings states that a Communist told him that Harriman is in charge of putting "reds" in the Government and, further, that Anna Rosenberg is "very red."

It is believed wires should be sent out instructing the offices to interview Father Gregory and James Jennings immediately.

DML:CSH

Kent State College  
 Kent Ohio.

Portage County Ohio Camp

RECORDED - 36

INDEXED - 36

29  
 56 JAN 15 1951

126-486-157

Ladd

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 11, 1950

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, contacted Mr. Lynch at his home on Sunday, December 10, 1950, and advised that [redacted] had testified before the Armed Services Committee on Friday and stated that the following individuals were members of the Communist Party and were said to be well known around Communist Party Headquarters. Larkin stated that [redacted] testified these individuals could back up his testimony that Anna Rosenberg was a Communist, inasmuch as they knew her to be a member of the Party. According to the testimony these individuals are as follows: Martha Campion, Anna Kornblatt, Matthew Hall, and Leon Kappe.

Larkin had no addresses for these individuals but from the way [redacted] testified, they were all from New York and were well known in Communist Party circles. Larkin again contacted Mr. Lynch on Monday, December 11, 1950, and stated that he would appreciate it if this matter could be given expeditious attention and they be interviewed to determine the veracity of [redacted] testimony.

MJL:lw  
 778

RECORDED - 36

INDEXED - 36

66 JAN 15 1951

126-486-158  
JAN 4 1951



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AL*

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

DATE: December 11, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen *✓*

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 2:50 p.m. on December 11, 1950, Mr. Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, telephonically contacted Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section and stated that the hearing before the Armed Services Committee on Anna Rosenberg is recessed until 7 p.m. tonight.

Larkin stated that Mr. J. B. Matthews, formerly of the Dies Committee, had testified before this Committee and stated that he did not know Mrs. Anna Rosenberg. Matthews stated that Mr. Ted Kirkpatrick, former FBI Agent and now connected with Counterattack, had told him about two weeks ago that [redacted] had told Kirkpatrick that [redacted] had seen Anna Rosenberg in a Communist Party cell meeting. According to Matthews' testimony, Kirkpatrick had informed him that [redacted]

Larkin wanted to know if there is anything in our files to indicate that Kirkpatrick had reported this information. He was informed that if such was the case, same would have been transmitted to him before this. Larkin desired a further check to determine if Kirkpatrick, while an Agent in the FBI, had indicated that [redacted] had informed him that Anna Rosenberg had attended a Communist Party cell meeting.

MJL:lw

RECORDED - 36

INDEXED - 36

126-486 159  
JAN 4 1951213  
66 JAN 4 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

DATE: December 11, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen ✓

Tracy ✓

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*WPK*

Mr. Felix Larkin telephonically communicated with Mr. Lynch at 2:50 p.m. on December 11, 1950, and stated the hearing before the Armed Services Committee on Anna Rosenberg has been recessed until 7 p.m. and that Larkin desired to know if the Bureau would locate James Magraw and request him to come to Washington voluntarily to appear before this Committee. Mr. Larkin stated that he desired that the Bureau contact Magraw and request him to come to Washington, at which time Larkin would see that Magraw was served with a subpoena.

Mr. Larkin stated that he desired this contact be made immediately and he would appreciate it if the Bureau would make arrangements to see that Magraw was in Washington at 7 or 8 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Larkin stated he would stand by, awaiting the Bureau's advice on this matter and further intimated that he was contemplating making a call to Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department, outlining the request as mentioned hereinabove.

MJL:lw

*12/11/50  
I called Sherrill  
Jef*

RECORDED - 101  
INDEXED - 101

*126-486-160*

*278*  
59 JAN 13 1951

*44-1*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 62-10641 HC

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/11/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/9,10,11/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES P. MARTIN</b>
TITLE <b>ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] says JAMES MAGRAW definitely was a member of Communist Party and attended Communist Party unit meetings of top supervisors of Writers Project, WPA, at New York. [redacted] furnishes names of persons who, in company with [redacted] and MAGRAW, attended said Communist Party unit meetings, and also names of persons who attended Marxist Study Groups at home of BRADLEY CUTLER in company with MAGRAW and [redacted]. Says this attendance at Study Groups took place prior to [redacted] employment with [redacted]. Says MAGRAW was member 1934 of Waterfront Section of Communist Party at New York. Advises MAGRAW quit Writers Project of WPA "under fire" in investigation of Communist activities at this project. Says one ANNA ROSENBERG, former Clerk-Typist, Writers Project, WPA, was recruited into Communist Party while working on Writers Project, but says this girl is not the ANNA ROSENBERG he saw at John Reed Club. Believes ANNA M. ROSENBERG may have indicated that he, [redacted] previously testified concerning an ANNA ROSENBERG before Dies Committee. Says that, if so, he previously testified before the Dies Committee concerning the ANNA ROSENBERG who was former Clerk-Typist with Writers Project, WPA. Some of the other persons, mentioned by DE SOLA as possibly having seen ANNA M. ROSENBERG at John Reed Club, interviewed, but these people state no knowledge of any such attendance by ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward Scheidt</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 4 - New York		126-486-161 RECORDED - 3 INDEXED - 62

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

JPM:DRS

- 1 -

NY 62-10641

## DETAILS:

At New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD V. CATES and the writer:

REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

On December 10, 1950, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she had no further information to furnish regarding ANNA M. ROSENBERG other than that set out in her signed statement of December 6, 1950.

She further advised that, although she had attended some meetings of the John Reed Club in the mid-1930's, she cannot recall anyone named ANNA ROSENBERG who had ever been in attendance at the meetings of the John Reed Club to the best of her recollection.

John Reed Club

[REDACTED] said that she does not believe that she ever joined the John Reed Club and states that the only person she can definitely recall seeing at the John Reed Club was JOSEPH FREEMAN, whom she said was at one time a member of the Communist Party but has since severed his connection with the Communist Party. She said that she believes, but has no information to back up this belief, that the persons who might have been prominent in managing the John Reed Club were the following:

MICHAEL GOLD  
SENDER GARLIN  
ISIDORE SCHNEIDER  
PHILIP RAHV  
WILLIAM PHELPS or PHILIPS

She said that the above-named persons were the persons in the Communist Party of New York City who in the mid-1930's were more or less associated with writers and artists who were Communist Party members or were sympathetic towards Communism. She said that she knows of no one who was the active head of the John Reed Club at any time, but

JPM:DRS

- 2 -

NY 62-10641

states that the above-named persons might have some information as to who were the persons who actively managed the John Reed Club and might also know many of the members of the John Reed Club.

[redacted] said that she has no knowledge that MICHAEL GOLD, SENDER GARLIN or ISIDORE SCHNEIDER have ever defected from the Communist Party. She said that she does know that PHILIP RAHV is one of the editors, at present, of the "Partisan Review", which publication, [redacted] said, is an anti-Communist publication published in New York City.

[redacted] advised that she had been the [redacted] from the latter part of [redacted] to the early part of [redacted]. She said that any news items concerning the activities of the John Reed Club which would have been written up in the [redacted] would probably have been placed on the feature page. [redacted]

She advised that she cannot recall at this time any news items which appeared on the feature page of the "Daily Worker", during the time she was editor, which would have set out any information concerning members of the John Reed Club, any persons of prominence who spoke there, or any listing of persons in attendance at any of the meetings of the John Reed Club. She said that she did recall that at various times a small notice would appear on the feature page of the "Daily Worker" indicating that there was going to be a meeting of the John Reed Club on such and such a date.

[redacted] said that she cannot recall the addresses of any of the club houses wherein the John Reed Club met. She does recall that these club houses of the John Reed Club were several in number, that is the John Reed Club had only one club house but moved this club house from one location to another at various times. She recalls that the club house of the John Reed Club was located, all the times she attended meetings, somewhere in Greenwich Village, Manhattan, New York City, New York. [redacted]

JPM:DRS

- 3 -

NY 62-10641

said that the John Reed Club, in her opinion, had been a Communist-sponsored organization and she said that the people who were behind the John Reed Club, to the best of her recollection, were Communists. She advised that this is her impression even though she cannot definitely remember just who the people were who were behind the John Reed Club. She said that she wished to point out, however, that membership in the John Reed Club, and attendance at meetings of the John Reed Club, were open to all people regardless of whether these people were Communists or not.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and had not seen him personally in several years. She said, however, that from her knowledge of [redacted] she would state that [redacted] would never knowingly tell a lie. She said that accordingly she feels that, if [redacted] has identified ANNA M. ROSENBERG as the person whom he saw at meetings of the John Reed Club, [redacted] is either telling the truth or certainly believes he is telling the truth. She said that she wished to point out that, in her opinion, [redacted] is an extremely zealous anti-Communist.

She said that she has been speculating about [redacted] charges concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG and that she has the impression that if someone implanted in [redacted] mind the idea that ANNA M. ROSENBERG had been a Communist or Communist sympathizer in the past, [redacted] in mulling this over in his mind might come to the conclusion that ANNA M. ROSENBERG was someone he had seen during his activities in the Communist Party in the past. [redacted] said that she wanted to point out definitely that this was merely speculation on her part and she advised that she had no knowledge that anyone had implanted any such idea in [redacted] mind. [redacted] volunteered the information that, to her knowledge, [redacted] had never had any [redacted] and had never been [redacted] or received any [redacted]

JPM:DRS

- 4 -

NY 62-10641

Miss ISHKISH

[redacted] was asked if she knew the first name of the Miss ISHKISH, who was a poetess and who had formerly resided on Staten Island, New York City. She said that she recalled that there were three ISHKISH sisters and that one of these, PENINA, was married to PHILIP REISMAN. She said that another sister, JUDITH ISHKISH, had never been a poetess, but she advised that SULAMITH ISHKISH was a person who had been a poetess and whom she can recall "popping up" at various gatherings of Communist or pro-Communist organizations in the mid-1930's. She advised that she has no definite recollection that SULAMITH ISHKISH attended John Reed Club meetings but did say that she recalled that this person used to attend many meetings, especially those where artists and writers were present, and accordingly she expected that Miss ISHKISH would have been at some of the John Reed Club meetings.

JAMES MAGRAW

[redacted] said that she remembers JAMES MAGRAW as a person who had been one of the top men in the Reporters Project of WPA and who then transferred to the Writers Project of WPA, in New York City, when the Reporters Project and the Writers Project were merged. She also recalls that this JAMES MAGRAW had occupied one of the top supervising positions in the Writers Project of WPA and that JAMES MAGRAW was known as the right-hand man, HENRY ALSBERG, the Director of the Writers Project of WPA.

[redacted] said that to her knowledge HENRY ALSBERG was never a Communist Party member. She said, however, that the JAMES MAGRAW mentioned above definitely was a member of the Communist Party while JAMES MAGRAW was employed on the Writers Project of WPA about 1936.

[redacted] said that she recalls attending meetings that were Communist Party unit meetings of top supervisors of the Writers Project during the year 1936. She said that at that time she was a member of the Communist Party and so was [redacted] She said that these unit

JPM:DRS

- 5 -

NY 62-10641

meetings of the Communist Party were attended by top supervisors in the Writers Project at WPA in order that the Communist Party line could be imparted to these top supervisors who through them imparted to the people who worked on the Writers Project of WPA. She said that meetings of this unit were confined solely to members of the Communist Party and were solely for the purpose of discussing the Communist Party line.

[redacted] said that in addition to [redacted] and herself, she definitely recalls that JAMES MAGRAW attended all the meetings of this unit of the Communist Party, consisting of top supervisors of the Writers Project of WPA, during the year 1936, which meetings were attended by [redacted]

She said that at this time she cannot recall the names of the other top supervisors of the Writers Project of WPA who were also in attendance at these unit meetings of the Communist Party mentioned above. She promised to try to refresh her recollection on this and to furnish the names of any individuals she could recall.



JPM:DRS

- 1 -

NY 62-10641

RE: RE-INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was reinterviewed on December 10th, 1950. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF JAMES MAGRAW IN COMMUNIST PARTY:

[REDACTED] stated that JAMES MAGRAW in the late Summer, or possibly Fall, of 1934, attended Marxist study groups at the home of BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER in New York City. This was where [REDACTED] first met JAMES MAGRAW. [REDACTED] stated that the following persons also attended these Marxist study groups at the home of BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER and he believes the following persons all were present at these study groups at the same time as JAMES MAGRAW and would be able to place [REDACTED] and JAMES MAGRAW as being present together at these study groups in the late Summer or early Fall of 1934.

HENRY MORITZ - [REDACTED] says that he, [REDACTED], brought HENRY MORITZ to these Marxist study groups at the home of BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER in New York City. He advised that HENRY MORITZ was at that time employed in the textile business and was a person who attended these Marxist study groups but did not take to Communism. He says that HENRY MORITZ was never a Communist Party member to his, DeSOLA's, knowledge. He advised that, after checking the New York Telephone Directory, he found a HENRY MORITZ listed at 98 Riverside Drive, New York City, New York, and believes that this is the same HENRY MORITZ whom he, [REDACTED], brought to these Marxist study groups.

HELEN MAY GOULD - [REDACTED] believes that this person is presently residing at 396 Bleecker Street, New York City, New York, inasmuch as he has ascertained that a person of the same name was listed at that address in the Manhattan Telephone Directory for New York City. He said that he recalls HELEN MAY GOULD was the niece of the band conductor, EDWARD FRANCO GOLDMAN.

JPM:DRS

- 2 -

NY 62-10641

He further recalls that HELEN MAY GOULD's original name was HELEN MAY GOLDMAN, but advised that apparently for convenience sake, she changed her name to GOULD. He says that he recalls HELEN MAY GOULD attended the Marxist study groups at the home of the CUTLERS at the same time as did [ ] and MAGRAW and he recalls that HELEN MAY GOULD was always rather critical of the Communist Party, even though she did attend these Marxist study groups. He says that to the best of his knowledge HELEN MAY GOULD was never a member of the Communist Party.

GENEVIEVE PITO - [ ] advised that GENEVIEVE PITO is the former wife of JAMES MAGRAW. He says that he met GENEVIEVE PITO at these Marxist study groups held at the CUTLER home and recalls also meeting GENEVIEVE PITO at the home of JAMES MAGRAW. He says that at the time GENEVIEVE PITO attended these meetings of the Marxist study groups at the home of the CUTLERS, she was a member of the Communist Party. He says that GENEVIEVE PITO attended these Marxist study groups at the home of the CUTLERS in the company of JAMES MAGRAW, who was at that time her husband, and [ ] said that he was present at these meetings together with GENEVIEVE PITO and JAMES MAGRAW.

BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER - [ ] has previously furnished information concerning BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER. This information is set out in detail in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 9th, 1950, at New York. [ ] said that he now recalls that CLIFFORD SUTCLIFFE, also mentioned in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 9th, 1950, at New York, had mentioned seeing BRADLEY CUTLER somewhere in Greenwich Village, New York City, New York, about Christmas of 1949. DeSOLA stated that he himself does not know the present whereabouts of BRADLEY CUTLER or of his wife, VILLA CUTLER.

In regard to the attendance at the above-mentioned Marxist study groups at the home of BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER, [ ] stated that these took place prior to the time that he, [ ] joined the Communist Party, and prior to the time that [ ] commenced work with the [ ] (It is noted that information secured from JAMES MAGRAW, as set out in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 9th, 1950, at New York, reflects that MAGRAW claims he first met [ ] while the

NY 62-10641

latter was employed on the [redacted] in New York City.)

[redacted] says that, while he was employed with the [redacted] he had first been assigned, in [redacted] to the [redacted] but as some disciplinary measure, he was transferred after a short time to the [redacted]. In regard to this disciplinary measure, [redacted] says that he believes that he addressed a telegram to some government official, expressing Communist views, and he was disciplined by the leaders of the [redacted] and accordingly transferred to the [redacted]. [redacted] advises, at that time in [redacted] there were two projects, which were under the supervision of HENRY ALSBERG, who was known as the Director of the [redacted]. One of these projects was known as the [redacted] and its offices were located at [redacted]. The other, known as the [redacted] had its offices at [redacted].

[redacted] says that JAMES MAGRAW was known as the Assistant Director of the Reporters Project of the WPA in New York City. Sometime, probably in 1936, the Reporters Project and the Writers Project were merged. [redacted] said that JAMES MAGRAW then occupied one of the top supervisory positions in the Writers Project in New York City, the title of which he cannot recall. He said, however, that apparently MAGRAW was responsible only to HENRY ALSBERG, who had his offices in Washington, D.C., and who was known as National Director of the Writers Project of the WPA.

[redacted] says that he recalls, while he was with the [redacted] and subsequently after he had been transferred to the [redacted] he, [redacted] attended unit meetings of the Communist Party, which were attended solely by Communist Party members who were top supervisors in either the [redacted] or the [redacted]. [redacted] says that JAMES MAGRAW attended all these unit meetings of the Communist Party described above, which were attended by [redacted].

JPM:DRS

- 4 -

NY 62-10641

[ ] stated that the following, in addition to [ ] were the Communist Party members, who usually attended these Communist Party unit meetings, of top supervisors of the [ ]

ORRICK JOHNS, at that time Director of the Writers Project of the WPA, New York City;

JAMES MAGRAW, Director of the Reporters Project of the WPA, New York City, and later known as Assistant Director of the Writers Project, WPA, New York City;

LOUELLA HENKLE, Assistant to JAMES MAGRAW, at Reporters Project and Writers Project of the WPA, New York City;

RUTH CRAWFORD, reporter on the Reporters Project of the WPA, New York City and later on the Writers Project of the WPA, New York City;

[ ] whose title at the [ ]  
[ ]

IVAN BLACK, whose title at the Reporters Project and the Writers Project of the WPA, New York City, was that of "Reporter."

[ ] advised that the Communist Party unit meetings of Communist Party members, who were top supervisors at the Reporters and Writers Projects of the WPA, New York City, were held solely to discuss the Communist Party line, in order that the Communist Party members who were supervisors at the Reporters Project and the Writers Project of the WPA, New York City, might impart Communist Party line to people working under their supervision at these Projects of the WPA, New York City. He stated that there could be no question concerning this, since these were not meetings held to discuss the policy of the WPA, because if they were, persons such as [ ] IVAN BLACK and RUTH CRAWFORD, whose positions were not policy making, should not have been in attendance at these meetings. [ ] stated, in other words, BLACK, CRAWFORD and [ ] while they were top supervisors, were not in administrative positions at the Reporters Project and the Writers Project of the WPA at New York City, and accordingly there would have been no need for their attendance at such meetings, if these were meetings to discuss policy of the WPA to be followed in these Projects.

NY 62-10641

[ ] further added that he at that time was actual [ ] of the [ ] which he described as a labor union operating within the WPA. He said further that at that time IVAN BLACK was the "fraction secretary" of the "Writers Union" which was active, according to DE SOLA, in the Writers Project of the WPA. He advised that at that time RUTH CRAWFORD was the executive secretary of the Reporters Section of the City Project Council, previously mentioned by [ ] as a labor union active in the WPA at New York City. He also said that at that time LOUELLA HENKLE was a member of the top fraction of the Communist Party members who were active in the City Project Council.

He said that accordingly, it was desired by the Communist Party that the above listed individuals, either because of their administrative positions in the Writers Project or the Reporters Project of the WPA in New York City, or because of their positions in the City Project Council or the Writers Union, both described by [ ] as labor unions active in the WPA, should receive knowledge of the policy that the Communist Party thought should be followed in these projects or in connection with labor union work on the WPA.

[ ] said that he furnished the above information to indicate again that these meetings were not meetings held to discuss the policy of the WPA in regard to the Reporters Project or Writers Project of the WPA at New York City. He stated again that these meetings, which he termed Communist Party unit meetings of the top supervisors of the Reporters Project and Writers Project of the WPA at New York City, were meetings held solely by Communist Party members to discuss how the Communists on these projects should conduct themselves, to discuss matters of policy that came up on these projects, and to impart the Communist Party line to these supervisors so that they could in turn impart same to the people working under their supervision at these projects of the WPA.

[ ] said he attended meetings of this Communist Party unit in company with JAMES MAGRAW from the time that he, [ ] started employment with the [ ]

NY 62-10641

[redacted] in late [redacted] until at least the middle of [redacted]

[redacted] subsequently, on the evening of December 10, 1950, furnished the following identifying material concerning RUTH CRAWFORD and LOUELLA HENKLE.

He said that this RUTH CRAWFORD was a member who was, in 1949, employed in some capacity at the National Press Club in the National Press Building, Washington, D. C.

He advised that LOUELLA HENKLE had, after leaving the employ of the Writers Project of the WPA at New York City, set up youth hostels in California. [redacted] said that in the course of operating these youth hostels in California, LOUELLA HENKLE had received some adverse publicity in the newspapers due to the fact that parents had complained of their children attending these youth hostels. [redacted] said that he believes that this LOUELLA HENKLE had been cited in reports submitted by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, but [redacted] does not recall the year of this citation. He further said that he had heard that LOUELLA HENKLE was residing in the Los Angeles area of California but does not recall when he heard this or from whom, and he could furnish no address for LOUELLA HENKLE at the present time.

[redacted] said that a person named GORDON KINGMAN was employed at the Writers Project of the WPA in New York City in the mid 1930's and that KINGMAN may have knowledge of Communist activities on the part of JAMES MAGRAW since KINGMAN knew MAGRAW. [redacted] said that GORDON KINGMAN had, he believed, been approached for recruitment into the Communist Party while on the Writers Project of the WPA, but he believes KINGMAN was reluctant to be recruited into the Communist Party and may never have joined the Communist Party.

[redacted] further said that JAMES MAGRAW had "quit" the Writers Project "under fire" at the time that the Woodrum Committee was conducting investigations in 1938 of the Writers Project of the WPA at New York City to ascertain Communist activities in that project.

NY 62-10641

[ ] advised that a man named WALTER K. VAN OLINDA took MAGRAW's position at the Writers Project, at the time MAGRAW resigned. [ ] said that VAN OLINDA may have information regarding the Communist Party membership of JAMES MAGRAW since VAN OLINDA knew about the dismissal of Communists in the Writers Project of the WPA in New York City and since VAN OLINDA replaced MAGRAW at that project.

Re: Alleged Membership of JAMES MAGRAW in Waterfront Section, Communist Party in 1934

[ ] said that after he met JAMES MAGRAW at the Marxist study groups held at the home of BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER in New York City, JAMES MAGRAW urged him to join the Communist Party. After [ ] had accompanied MAGRAW to some of the meetings of the John Reed Club, [ ] agreed to join the Communist Party. JAMES MAGRAW, according to [ ] for membership in the Communist Party. [ ] said that the other person who [ ] for membership in the Communist Party was a woman named ANNA CORNBLATT or ANNA KORNBLATT, who, [ ] said, was active at that time in the children's movement of the Communist Party and who was also active in the publication, sponsored by the Communist Party, known as "Young Pioneer". [ ] said that he believes that JAMES MAGRAW and ANNA CORNBLATT signed [ ] application for membership in the Communist Party separately and at different times and, accordingly, he does not know that ANNA CORNBLATT would necessarily know of the Communist Party membership of JAMES MAGRAW.

[ ] said that thereafter, JAMES MAGRAW took him, [ ] to the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, located on Hudson Street, New York City, where [ ] made out in [ ] Communist Party name, [ ] was [ ] said that JAMES MAGRAW was at that time, in the fall of 1934, a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party in New York City.

[ ] said that he had then attended one or possibly two meetings of the Waterfront Section of the Communist

NY 62-10641

Party at New York City, which were attended also by JAMES MAGRAW, but was then advised by the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party that [redacted] did not reside within the jurisdiction of that section. [redacted] recalls that [redacted] [redacted] was transferred from the [redacted] of the Communist Party to [redacted] of the Communist Party, and that this occurred shortly after [redacted] had joined the Communist Party at New York City.



JPM:amc - 1

NY 62-10641

RE ANNA ROSENBERG, FORMER CLERK-TYPIST, WPA

Report of Special Agent JAMES P. MARTIN dated December 9, 1950, at New York, makes mention of a book given to EDWARD K. BANTA, an employee of the Writers Project of the WPA, which book was autographed by a number of Communist Party members employed at the Writers Project, WPA, at New York.

Information concerning said book is reflected in the results of the interview of JAMES MAGRAW as set out in the last mentioned report.

[ ] was questioned as to whether he knew of the existence of said book and he replied that he did and that he recalled that it was autographed by a number of Communist Party members who were employed at the Writers Project of the WPA.

He stated that EDWARD K. BANTA was a person who had been a member of the KU KLUX KLAN and he said that after BANTA had commenced work at the Writers Project of the WPA, BANTA had indicated that he was interested in joining the Communist Party. [ ] said that he, [ ] foolishly believed that BANTA was sincere in wanting to join the Communist Party and that [ ] recruited BANTA into the Communist Party. He said that he later learned that BANTA had joined the Communist Party while at the Writers Project of the WPA merely to secure information which BANTA could use against the Communist Party.

[ ] recalls that BANTA had a book which he believes was a biography of EARL BROWDER and that BANTA went around to the employees at the Writers Project of the WPA and had those who were Communist Party members autograph this book. [ ] said that [ ] nor JAMES MAGRAW autographed this book for BANTA, but a large number of other Communist Party members did so. [ ] said that this brings to his mind a fact which he had not mentioned previously. He said that he now recalls that a girl named ANNA ROSENBERG, who was employed as a Clerk-Typist at the Writers Project of the WPA, also autographed this book belonging to EDWARD K. BANTA.

JPM:amc - 2

NY 62-10641

[ ] said that ANNA ROSENBERG, former Clerk-Typist of the WPA, commenced employment at the Writers Project of the WPA probably in 1936. [ ] recalls that this girl started work at some time after [ ] had transferred to the [ ] and that she was not working there when [ ] first started work at the Writers Project. He further recalls that ANNA ROSENBERG, former Clerk Typist, WPA, was recruited into the Communist Party while she was employed at the Writers Project of the WPA in New York.

He says that a Mr. LOU GODY, at that time a Communist Party member, was the immediate supervisor of ANNA ROSENBERG, former Clerk-Typist, WPA. [ ] also recalls that LOU GODY was the "Fraction Secretary" of the Communist Party at the Writers Project at New York, and he believes that LOU GODY later was employed with the Office of War Information at New York City during the last war.

[ ] says that he never saw this ANNA ROSENBERG, whom he described as former Clerk-Typist at the Writers Project of the WPA at New York City, in attendance at any meetings of the John Reed Club and says that he is definite and certain that ANNA ROSENBERG, former Clerk-Typist, WPA, was not the ANNA ROSENBERG whom [ ] saw at meetings of the John Reed Club, including the meeting at which MAGRAW pointed out ANNA ROSENBERG as a member of the Communist Party.

[ ] says that he knows of no other ANNA ROSENBERG, whom he has ever met, except ANNA M. ROSENBERG and ANNA ROSENBERG, the former Clerk-Typist at the Writers Project, WPA.

RE POSSIBLE PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE DIES COMMITTEE BY  
[ ] CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG

[ ] says that he believes, but is not certain, that he heard ANNA M. ROSENBERG make a comment before the Armed Services Committee on December 8, 1950 to the effect that [ ] had previously testified concerning ANNA ROSENBERG before the Dies Committee.

NY 62-10641

[ ] says that he cannot recall any such testimony on his part, but says that it is possible that at one time he was queried before the Dies Committee concerning the names of persons who autographed the book of EDWARD K. BANTA, mentioned above, and he may have mentioned as one of the signers, ANNA ROSENBERG, the former Clerk-Typist, Writers Project, WPA, at New York.

[ ] recalls that [ ] regarding Communist activities.

RE [ ] ADDED COMMENTS CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG

---

[ ] says that he personally confronted and spoke to ANNA M. ROSENBERG at the meeting of the Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C., on December 8, 1950. He said that after seeing and talking to ANNA M. ROSENBERG he is, if possible, more certain than ever that ANNA M. ROSENBERG is the individual whom he saw at meetings of the John Reed Club and whom JAMES MAGRAW pointed out to him at one of these meetings as a member of the Communist Party.

RE [ ] STATEMENT THAT HE HAS NO DOCUMENTARY OR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGATION CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG

---

[ ] was specifically asked if he had any documentary evidence or any physical evidence of any type, or if he knew of the existence of any such evidence, that would substantiate his allegation concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG. He said that he did not possess any documentary or physical evidence of this nature and that he did not know of the existence of any such evidence, except for possible mention of ANNA ROSENBERG's affiliation with the John Reed Club appearing in some newspaper in connection with the signing of a petition by members of the John Reed Club sometime in the early 1930s. [ ] said

NY 62-10641

that if he possessed any physical or documentary evidence which would substantiate the allegation he had made concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG, he would willingly have furnished same to this Office during his previous interviews.

[ ] further advised that he had no knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of ANNA M. ROSENBERG and he stated that he, himself, had never engaged in any espionage activities.

NY 62-10641

INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] AS POSSIBLE  
SOURCES OF PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG

Re MAXINE PICARD, aka Maxine Brant

The following investigation was conducted by SAS  
JOSEPH T. GENCO and JOHN V. GRIFFIN:

MAXINE PICARD, 36 Leroy Street, New York, New York, advised that she had formerly been married to HENRY D. BRANT, and had formerly used the name MAXINE BRANT. She stated that she had never heard of the John Reed Club and had never been a member thereof, or attended meetings of that Club. She recalled that she had heard of a person named JOHN REED, who was a writer, and who died some years ago, and presumed that the Club was named after this person, but said she had no knowledge of the Club whatsoever.

MAXINE PICARD stated that she had never met and did not know ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

She recalled she had read of ANNA M. ROSENBERG in the newspapers, but said that she had never met ANNA M. ROSENBERG, and had no information concerning any Communist activities or membership of ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

NY 62-10641

Re: PHILIP REISMAN

MR. ~~PHILIP~~ REISMAN residing at 1033 Third Avenue, New York City, was interviewed at the studio at 567 Sixth Avenue, New York City, at 11 AM December 8, 1950. MR. REISMAN stated he was a member of the JOHN REED CLUB from approximately 1930 until it dissolved in 1933 or 1934. During this period he stated that he attended both the closed meetings and the meetings of the club which were open to the public. His attendance he added was fairly regular.

REISMAN could not identify the photograph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG as anyone whom he had ever met or seen in attendance at the meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB, nor did he recall ever having met anyone at the club using the name of ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

REISMAN refused to give a signed statement setting forth the above facts without first consulting his attorney, whom he named as one WILLIAM DOBLIN of 1444 Broadway, New York City. REISMAN likewise refused to make any statement regarding his own past or present membership in the Communist Party, stating that he felt any comment in this regard would be an infringement on his rights as an individual.

~~REISMAN~~ REISMAN stated that his first wife, PENNINA, whom he divorced in 1946, was not a member of the JOHN REED CLUB, but had attended meetings of the club on several occasions with him. REISMAN stated that it was his opinion that the JOHN REED CLUB was organized only for artists, having no separate section for authors. He stated that the membership was small, adding that some of the membership meetings (which in his mind were the largest meetings held by the club) were attended by approximately 90 persons.

The only members of the club whom he could recall were one ~~PHIL~~ BARD, an artist in the field of realism and believed by him to be residing in New York City at the present time and one JACOB BURKE, a cartoonist, who was very active in the club, according to REISMAN, and who is presently employed by an unknown newspaper somewhere in the mid-west. REISMAN recalled that some of BURKE'S cartoons have been reproduced in the "New York Sunday Times" in recent months.

NY 62-10641

REISMAN could not recall ever having seen the sister of his first wife at any of the meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB. This interview was concluded at 11:55AM December 8, 1950.

RE: Mrs. PENINA REISMAN (nee ISHKISHOR), and JUDITH ISHKISHOR

Mrs. PENINA REISMAN (nee ISHKISHOR) was interviewed at her home at 274 West 19th Street, Apartment 2D, at 11:55AM December 8, 1950. Due to Mrs. REISMAN'S extremely poor health, her sister, one JUDITH ISHKISHOR of 1232 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, insisted on being present during the interview.

MRS. REISMAN stated that she had been a member of the JOHN REED CLUB for a very short time just prior to its dissolution in 1934. She did not attend the meetings of the club regularly and could recall no other members.

MRS. REISMAN could not identify the photograph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG as being anyone whom she knew as being either a member of the club or in attendance at any of the club meetings. She stated that she knew of no one attending these meetings who used the name of ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

JUDITH ISHKISHOR stated that she had been a writer during the period of 1930 to 1934 and was residing in Greenwich Village during that time. She appeared reluctant to let her sister PENINA speak and attempted to influence PENINA'S answers to questions put to her by the agent.

MRS. REISMAN stated that she had never been and was not at the present time a member of the Communist Party. Miss JUDITH ISHKISHOR refused to answer this question stating that any answer would be a violation of personal rights. Both women refused to make any type of written statement regarding the facts given by them during the course of the interview. The interview was discontinued at 12:10 PM, December 8, 1950, because of MRS. REISMAN'S apparent poor health.

- P E N D I N G -

JPM:RK - 2

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE

Regarding the Bureau request that Dr. MAX YERGAN be interviewed, the following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK SMITH:

At Croton-on-the-Hudson inquiry at the home of Dr. MAX YERGAN revealed that YERGAN is presently in Europe and is expected to return to the United States about December 18, 1950. Arrangements were made at the home of Dr. YERGAN for YERGAN to contact this office, for the purpose of interview, upon his return to New York City.

ATTEMPTED INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED]  
AS POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATIONRe JAMES LECHAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES S. MCCOOL.

It is noted that JAMES LECHAY was described by [REDACTED] as a former member of the John Reed Club who was said by [REDACTED] to be a friend of ROBERT VERN DE WARD. Accordingly, the latter was contacted in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of LECHAY.

ROBERT VERN DE WARD recalled only that JAMES LECHAY had lived in an adjoining apartment at 3 Weehawken Street, New York City, from about 1933 to about 1938. The DE WARD and LECHAY families had been friendly as neighbors and had shared a telephone. LECHAY had married during this period. Two children were born to him and his wife.

DE WARD said he did not definitely know whether LECHAY was a member or adherent of the John Reed Club, but believed it possible that he might have been.

He was unable to furnish information concerning LECHAY'S present whereabouts, but did recall that LECHAY had recently had an exhibit of paintings in a gallery on 58th Street, New York City.



NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE (Continued)

Mrs. ELIZABETH DE WARD likewise recalled LECHAY as a former neighbor. All she could say as to the present whereabouts of LECHAY was that she had heard about six or seven years ago that the LECHAY family was then outside of New York.

The "New York Times Index" revealed that the name of JAMES LECHAY appeared in that newspaper on October 15, 1950, in connection with an exhibit of his paintings at the Macbeth Gallery.

At the office of WILLIAM MACBETH, JR., Macbeth Gallery, 11 East 57th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that JAMES LECHAY had had an exhibit of paintings and that LECHAY is presently engaged as professor of art at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Bureau was requested by teletype to furnish permission for the Omaha Office to interview JAMES LECHAY, professor at State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

By teletype dated December 9, 1950 the Bureau advised this office and the Omaha Office that interview with JAMES LECHAY was not desired at the present time, and the Bureau indicated that it would advise the Omaha Office in the event interview of JAMES LECHAY becomes desirable at a later date.

Re HELEN TAMARIS, aka Helen Nagrin

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH T. GENCO.

At the Chorus Equity Association, 701 Broadway, New York, New York, it was determined that that association had no record concerning HELEN TAMARIS. However, employees there stated that HELEN TAMARIS had been married to DANIEL NAGRIN, and that NAGRIN'S address could be secured from the Actors' Equity Association.

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE (Continued)

The records of the Actors' Equity Association, 45 West 47th Street, New York City, reflected that DANIEL NAGRIN resides at 44 West 77th Street, New York City.

DANIEL NAGRIN advised that his wife, known as HELEN TAMARIS, was residing at the Warwick Hotel, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Office, by separate teletype, was requested to interview HELEN TAMARIS at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re Contemplated Interview With CLIFFORD ODETTS

It is noted that referenced report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 9, 1950, reflects information from IVAN BLACK, indicating that IVAN BLACK had attended a meeting of the John Reed Club at New York City about 1931 in company with CLIFFORD ODETTS.

The Bureau, by teletype dated December 9, 1950 advised that at this time no useful purpose appeared in interviewing CLIFFORD ODETTS. The Bureau stated that accordingly there was no necessity for interviewing CLIFFORD ODETTS regarding this matter at the present time.

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGERe: IVAN BLACK, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City

Publicity man, press agent and writer, who belonged to the ~~John~~ Reed Club, New York City, in the early 1930s.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL H. LUCKING:

On August 16, 1950, ARTHUR HALLIBURTON, Staff Writer for King Features Syndicate, 235 East 45th Street, New York City, advised SA MARK J. LAWLESS of the New York Office, that while he was associated with the Federal Writers Project of the WPA at New York City in 1936, he was repeatedly contacted by one BEN RISKIN, who tried to recruit him into the Communist Party; that he did not show any interest in joining, and that moderate pressure in the form of arguments on behalf of the Communist Party was exerted on him by fellow WPA employees, one LOU GODY and one IVAN BLACK. It is not known whether this individual is identical with IVAN BLACK, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, a press agent who belonged to the John Reed Club in the 1930s.

The "Daily Worker", issue of April 5, 1941, page 7, column 2, contains a four column announcement entitled, "In Defense of Culture", with a subtitle, "Call to the Fourth Congress of the League of American Writers". This announcement stated that more than 100 leading American writers were among the initial signers of the Call to the Fourth Congress of the League of American Writers, scheduled to be held at New York City during June 6 to June 8, 1941. The announcement contained a plea for non-intervention of the United States in the European war, and a plea to fight anti-Fascist elements. Included in a list of people described in the announcement as initial signers was one IVAN BLACK. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the IVAN BLACK of interest to instant investigation.

The book, "The Red Decade" by EUGENE LYONS, reflects that the League of American Writers, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Continued)

City (1941) was established on April 27, 1935 at New York City during the Congress of American Revolutionary Writers; that the signers of the call for the initial congress included EARL BROWDER, CLARENCE HATHAWAY and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG; and that the League of American Writers followed the Communist Party line. Further, that the Fourth Congress of American Writers, June 6 to June 8, 1941 pamphlet advertising the opening sessions scheduled to be held at the Manhattan Center, New York City, included a list of signers to the call. This list included the name of one IVAN BLACK.

On July 16, 1942, a Mr. IVAN BLACK, who identified himself as the press agent for Cafe Society Uptown, a New York City night club, telephonically advised SA E. C. WILLIAMS of the New York Office, that he heard interference on the radio in his apartment, 12 East 63rd Street, New York City, and that he felt that someone might be operating a radio transmitter in the vicinity.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, reported on January 7, 1950, that the name of one IVAN BLACK, 128 East 58th Street, New York City, telephone numbers Wis 7-1936 and PL 3-1046, appeared in an address book of CORLISS LAMONT, then National Chairman of the American Council on Soviet Relations.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, reported to the New York Office on January 24, 1943, that the name of one IVAN BLACK was listed as a contributor of \$10.00 at a dinner described as "Paul Robeson's Dinner, March 23, 1942 - Hotel Biltmore."

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, reported that one ELIZABETH FRANKLIN, described as being of the office of one IVAN BLACK, conferred with DOROTHY SNYDER, Secretary to JOSEPH CURRAN, President of the National Maritime Union, on October 29, 1942, regarding what T-3 thought was in reference to an NMU dance. According to T-3, ELIZABETH FRANKLIN

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Continued)

told DOROTHY SNYDER that it was all right to use the name of HAZEL SCOTT, but that ANNA ROBINSON was no longer connected with CAFE SOCIETY.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, reported on September 15, 1943, that the name IVAN BLACK, care of Cafe Society Uptown, was included on a list of names which T-4 indicated related to the activities of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade at New York City. T-4 stated that this list, described as "Complimentary Tickets - Fall Dance, October 9, 1943", possibly referred to a Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade dance. It is not known whether or not this individual is identical with the IVAN BLACK of interest to instant investigation.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that on September 10, 1943, LEO HUBERMAN, then a publicity man for the NMU, indicated that IVAN BLACK was getting ILONA MASSEY, a movie actress, lined up to appear at an NMU bond rally scheduled to be held at a later date. This IVAN BLACK was not further identified by T-3.

T-3 reported that on December 1, 1943, one PHYLLIS and one FLORENCE DOWERER (ph) discussed the possibility of securing a list of names of people to be used in an advertisement as sponsors of some event not further identified, but believed by T-3 to be related to an event known as the Reichstag Fire Trial Celebration held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, December 22, 1943. T-3 stated that FLORENCE DOWERER indicated that this list to be used as sponsors should be "not too close to you know who, but known to the public." T-3 stated that PHYLLIS suggested calling one IVAN BLACK for such a list. According to T-3, DOWERER asked if BLACK was O. K., and PHYLLIS indicated that BLACK is generally considered O. K., but she did not know him too well and did not know whether he would supply such a list.

Confidential Informant T-5, of unknown reliability, reported that various New York City residents were invited to

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Continued)

a private showing of the movie, "The Seventh Cross", on January 17, 1944 at the Roof-Studio, 1514 Broadway, New York City, by an individual known as ANNA SEGHERS of Mexico City. T-5 stated that among the recipients of the invitations to view the movie, was one IVAN BLACK of 128 East 58th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, advised that the name IVAN BLACK, 128 East 58th Street, New York City, reportedly contributed \$5.00 in May, 1944, and \$100. in July, 1944, to funds for the support of the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7, of unknown reliability, advised SA HERBERT B. GRANT of the New York Office on July 29, 1948, that he worked on WPA Project #1107 (New York City Board of Education) in 1934-1939 with one IVAN BLACK, whom he described as a teacher and lawyer by training and whom he thought was active in the Communist Party at that time.

On April 15, 1949, Mr. JOHN HERVEY, 1939-19 34th Road, Queens, New York City, visited the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and turned over to SA PATRICK J. STOKES, an address book which he found in a New York City subway car. This address book, which contained the name of one GENE FRANKEL on the first page of the inside cover, also contained the name of one IVAN BLACK, phone number BR 7-0166. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the IVAN BLACK of interest to instant investigation.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, identified one GENE FRANKEL, also known as EUGENE VICTOR FRANKEL, 2720 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, who might possibly be identical with the owner of the above mentioned address book, as a writer and drama director who was affiliated with "Stage for Action", a group reportedly operating under the influence of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-9, of unknown reliability, reported that one EUGENE VICTOR FRANKEL, was a member of the Colt's Branch of the Communist Party at Hartford, Connecticut prior to his induction into the United States Army on July 10, 1943.

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Continued)

Confidential Informant T-10, of unknown reliability, advised SA RUSSELL S. GARNER of the New York Office on November 4, 1947, that a dinner known as the United Nations in America Dinner was held at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City on April 17, 1943, and that sponsors of this dinner included one IVAN BLACK, not further identified. T-10 stated that the dinner program itself included an address by EARL G. HARRISON, the United States Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and that the Guests of Honor included Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM O'DWYER.

JPM:DRS

- 1 -

NY 62-10641

LEADSNEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will locate and interview ANNA CORNBLATT, also known as ANNA KORNBLATT, whom [ ] says was associated with the publication "New Pioneer" and also active in the Children's Movement in the Communist Party in 1934. [ ] says this person signed [ ] application for membership in the Communist Party in 1934. She should be interviewed as to any knowledge she possesses of Communist activities or Communist Party membership of JAMES MAGRAW or ANNA M. ROSENBERG, or in regard to attendance by ANNA M. ROSENBERG at the John Reed Club.

Will attempt to locate and interview PHILIP BARD, described by PHILIP REISMAN as an artist in the field of realism. REISMAN says that BARD was a member of the John Reed Club. BARD should be interviewed concerning any membership or attendance of ANNA M. ROSENBERG at this club or of any ANNA ROSENBERG at this club and any knowledge of Communist Party membership or activities on the part of ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

Will locate and interview JACOB BURKE, mentioned by PHILIP REISMAN as a cartoonist who was very active in the John Reed Club. REISMAN says that BURKE is presently employed by an unknown newspaper somewhere in the mid-west, and REISMAN recalls that BURKE's cartoons were reproduced in the New York Sunday "Times" in recent months. BURKE should be interviewed along the lines set out in the interview of PHILIP BARD.

Will locate and interview PHILIP RAHV And WILLIAM PHELPS, also known as WILLIAM PHILIPS, whom [ ] [ ] says are employed with the [ ] [ ] She describes this publication as anti-Communist and indicates that both these persons may have been active in the management of the John Reed Club in New York City about 1934-1935.



NY 62-10641

L E A D S (continued)

Will interview HENRY MORITZ, who is believed by [ ] to be residing at 98 Riverside Drive, New York City. [ ] says that this person attended Marxist study groups in company with DE SOLA and MAGRAW at the home of BRADLEY CUTLER in New York City. [ ] says that he does not believe that MORITZ ever joined the Communist Party. MORITZ should be questioned as to his knowledge of MAGRAW and [ ] attending these meetings together/for any pertinent information he can furnish on ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

Will interview HELEN MAY GOULD who, according to [ ] may be residing at 396 Bleecker Street, New York City, and who also attended, according to [ ] Marxist study group meetings at the CUTLER home together with MAGRAW and [ ]. She is described by [ ] as the niece of EDWARD FRANCO GOLDMAN, the band leader, and she should be interviewed along the lines set out above in the lead for interview of MORITZ.

Will reinterview IVAN BLACK, 12 East 63rd Street, New York City, who has denied membership in the Communist Party by stating that he has always been anti-Communist. Information set out in instant report reflects that [ ] said that IVAN BLACK was one of the top supervisors at the Reporters Project and Writers Project of the WPA who attended Communist Party unit meetings of said top supervisors. BLACK should be specifically questioned concerning any knowledge he possessed as to any membership in the Communist Party on the part of JAMES MAGRAW and himself.

Will interview ARTHUR HALLIBURTON, staff writer for King Features Syndicate, as mentioned in the administrative pages of instant report, for any information he possesses as to the identity and location of ANNA ROSENBERG, former clerk-typist, WPA, in order that the latter may be located and interviewed. Information in the administrative pages of this report reflects HALLIBURTON furnished information in August, 1950 to the effect that while he was employed on the Writers Project of the WPA in 1936, IVAN BLACK and LOU GODY attempted to recruit him into the Communist Party. It is noted that LOU GODY

JPM:DRS

- 3 -

NY 62-10641

LEADS (continued)

was a supervisor of ANNA ROSENBERG, former clerk-typist, WPA, at that project.

Will reinterview [redacted]

[redacted] for further information as to the persons, other than MAGRAW, [redacted] and herself, who attended Communist Party unit meetings of top supervisors of the Federal Writers Project, WPA, at New York.

It is noted that leads set out in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN dated December 9, 1950 at New York are not being restated at the present time. Further, it is noted that other leads suggested by the Bureau in teletypes to this office are being handled but are not being set out on the lead page of instant report. This case is receiving continuous and preferred attention.

NY 62-10641

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 11, 1950, at New York, N. Y., are identified as follows:

T-1 - Anonymous.

T-2 - Anonymous.

T-3 - [redacted] as set forth in confidential report of SA JEROME M. GARLAND dated November 12, 1942 at New York, N. Y., in the case entitled, "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

T-4 - Anonymous.

T-5 - FBI Laboratory letter dated September 11, 1944 to New York in the "ALTO CASE", refers to 109 letters sent to various residents in the United States bearing the postmark [redacted] Information originally received by the Bureau from Censorship.

T-6 - [redacted] who requested that her identity

NY 62-10641

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Continued)

- T-6 (Cont'd) - be kept strictly confidential. This information is contained in the report of SA JOHN M. DEYOE in the case entitled, "THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", dated February 24, 1945, at New York.
- T-7 - [REDACTED] who requested that his identity be kept permanently confidential.
- T-8 - [REDACTED] as set forth in the report of SA JAMES J. SMITH in the case entitled, "EUGENE VICTOR FRANKEL, with alias Gene Frankel; SECURITY MATTER - C", dated August 4, 1950 at New York.
- T-9 - [REDACTED] as reported in G-2 report dated January 6, 1944 at New York City regarding EUGENE VICTOR FRANKEL as set forth in New York report of SA JAMES J. SMITH, in case entitled, "EUGENE VICTOR FRANKEL, wa., SECURITY MATTER - C", dated August 4, 1950.
- T-10 - [REDACTED] received by SA RUSSELL S. GARNER on November 4, 1947 for copying purposes.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, New York, 12/9/50.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: December 12, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Confirming our telephone conversation yesterday, I was advised that [redacted] formerly a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, presently working for the American Legion in Indianapolis and [redacted] has stated in 1936 he put Anna Rosenberg in the Communist Party.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

LBN:mb

RECORDED - 101

INDEXED - 101

59 JAN 13 1951

126-486-162

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 62-10641 MMCM

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/12/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/11,12/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES P. MARTIN</b>
TITLE <b>ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of Board of Elections reflect JAMES McGRAW, aka James Magraw, registered in 1936 as a Communist. On reinterview, McGRAW first denied so registering but later admitted same. Says he did advise on previous interview that he was anti-Communist but says that registering as a Communist does not indicate that he was pro-Communist because he was never a member of the CP. Specifically denies membership in Waterfront Section, CP at any time. Says may have met [redacted] prior to working at [redacted] but says, if so, only at social meeting. Denies attendance at any meetings of CP unit of Writers Project Supervisors. Denies association in any group at Writers Project with JOHNS, HENKLE, CRAWFORD, BLACK, [redacted] or [redacted]. States he was editor of "Rank and File Federationist" in 1933-1934. EDWARD DAHLBERG, CLIFFORD SUTCLIFFE, EDWARD MALKIN and MATHEW HALL, all advise no knowledge of membership in or attendance at John Reed Club on the part of ANNA M. ROSENBERG. DOUGLAS SAXE believes [redacted] about 1942, while employed with Microstatic Corporation, made extra copy for own use of war plant contract despite the regulations</p> <p><i>Edward Schuch</i></p> <p><i>126-486-163</i></p> <p><i>RECEIVED</i></p> <p><i>458</i></p> <p><i>59 JAN 1951</i></p> <p><i>278</i></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		RECORDED - 3	
5 - Bureau		INDEXED - 3	
4 - New York			

NY 62-10641

of said company forbidding extra copies be made. Confidential Informant believes one ANNA ROSENBERG was arrested by Police of Trenton, New Jersey, July, 1930 and informant believes this might be the same ANNA ROSENBERG who allegedly was member of JOHN REED Club 1930. Resume of contribution to article in publication "New Masses" contributed by ANNA M. ROSENBERG in December 8, 1942 issue, set out.

- P -

NY 62-10641

DETAILS: At New York, New York

Re: JAMES MC GRAW  
also known as  
JAMES MAGRAW

The records of the Board of Elections for New York County, 400 Broome Street, New York City, concerning the above captioned individual were reviewed by SAS JOHN J. DANAHY and THOMAS G. SPENCER and reflected the following information:

The records of the 4th Election District, 3rd Assembly District, New York County, for 1936 reflected that JAMES MAGRAW of 826 Greenwich Avenue, New York City, enrolled as a Communist for that year.

The records of the 3rd Election District, 10th Assembly District for 1940 and 1941 reflected that JAMES MAGRAW, 55 Christopher Street, New York City, enrolled in one of the two major political parties for both of these years.

The records of the 32nd Election District of the 1st Assembly District, New York County for 1942 and 1943 reflected that JAMES MC GRAW enrolled under the American Labor Party for these two years.

The records of the 13th Election District of the 1st Assembly District for 1944 reflected that JAMES MC GRAW of 226 West 10th Street, New York City, enrolled under the American Labor Party for this year.

The records of the 19th Election District of the 1st Assembly District for the years 1945 and 1946 reflected that JAMES MC GRAW enrolled under the American Labor Party for those years.

The records of the 16th Election District of the 1st Assembly District for the year 1947, which district covered



NY 62-10641

the address at 226 West 10th Street, New York City, failed to reflect a registration for JAMES MC GRAW or MAGRAW for that year. However, the records reflected that FRANCES MC GRAW, wife of JAMES MC GRAW, enrolled under the American Labor Party for that year.

The records of the 19th Election District, 1st Assembly District for 1948 and 1949 reflected that JAMES MC GRAW registered both of these years from the address 226 West 10th Street, New York City; however, the records reflect that in 1948 MC GRAW enrolled under no Party emblem while in 1949 he enrolled under the emblem of the American Labor Party.

The records of enrollment on registration for the year 1950 are not as yet available in the Board of Elections in New York County. Efforts are being made to locate registration records for JAMES MC GRAW for the years 1933, 1935, 1937, 1938 and 1939, but none as yet have been located.

Reinterview of  
JAMES MC GRAW  
also known as  
JAMES MAGRAW

JAMES MC GRAW was reinterviewed on December 11, 1950, by SAS JOHN J. DANAHY and THOMAS G. SPENCER.

He advised that he originally spelled his name MAGRAW, but for the past ten years or so has been spelling it MC GRAW. A recent photograph of [redacted] was exhibited to MC GRAW, and he identified this photograph as being one of the individuals who was associated with him on the [redacted] and for a period of several years after that. He further advised that he knew of no other JAMES MC GRAW or MAGRAW who had been employed on, the [redacted] and was acquainted with [redacted].

MC GRAW was asked whether or not he had ever registered for elections under the Communist Party emblem,

NY 62-10641

and he stated that he had not. He was then advised that the Board of Elections records for 1936 reflected that a JAMES MAGRAW had so registered from 826 Greenwich Avenue, New York City, and was asked whether or not this individual was identical with him. He then stated that he had so registered under the Communist Party emblem and attempted to explain his previous denial, stating that he believed that the question had referred to membership in the Communist Party. He stated that this was the only time that he had registered as a Communist and that he had registered in this manner because he believed in some of the principles of the Communist Party in 1936 and intended to vote for some of that Party's candidates. Questioned as to the principles of the Communist Party which he then believed in, MC GRAW stated that the only principle which he could recall offhand was the urging by the Communist Party that jobs be provided for everybody.

MC GRAW was asked if he would explain his statement of December 8, 1950, that he had always been anti-Communist and had never been affiliated with or supported the Communist Party in view of his 1936 registration under the emblem of the Communist Party, and he stated that he had apparently misunderstood a question put to him on December 8, 1950, and at that time had intended to state that he had never been a member of the Communist Party and that it was his understanding when discussing his anti-Communist feelings on December 8, 1950, that he was expressing a present sentiment and one which he had felt since about 1937. He then stated that it was a fact that he had had pro-Communist feelings and had supported the Party to some extent during a period from about 1934 to the latter part of 1936 or early 1937. However, he again categorically denied membership in the Communist Party.

MC GRAW was asked whether or not he had ever been a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party and denied such membership. He was asked whether or not he had ever brought [redacted] to a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party on Hudson Street in New York City, and he again denied having brought [redacted] to a political meeting of any type whatsoever. He was asked

NY 62-10641

whether or not he had [redacted] in the Communist Party, and he denied having [redacted] MC GRAW was asked whether or not he had ever attended a Marxist Study Club at the home of the BRADLEY CUTLERS, and he denied attendance at any such function. He stated that it was possible that he had met [redacted] before his or [redacted] employment in the [redacted] [redacted] and stated that it was also possible that he had met [redacted] at the home of the [redacted] He reiterated, however, that if such a meeting took place it was for social purposes only and not connected with any study group.

[redacted] With reference to [redacted] MC GRAW stated that he doubted whether or not he would even recognize her, had no knowledge that she had ever been employed on the [redacted] and could recall her only as the [redacted] He stated that he knew of no reason why [redacted] should name him as a member of the Communist Party other than the fact that she would probably support [redacted] in any statements the latter might make. He was questioned as to whether or not he had ever been a member of a Communist Party unit composed of supervisors of the Writers Project specifically ORRIK JOHNS, LOUELLA HENKLE, RUTH CRAWFORD, [redacted] and IVAN BLACK, and he denied membership in such a unit and stated that he could not recall ever having been associated with these people as a group in any type of endeavor whatsoever. He stated that he was acquainted with IVAN BLACK as a writer, but was not aware of the fact that BLACK had ever been employed in the Federal Writers Project.

MC GRAW was questioned concerning the magazine "Direction" and he stated that he was unable to recall such a magazine. He was advised that one JAMES MAGRAW was listed on the Advisory Board of such a magazine, and he stated that the possibility existed that he was identical with this JAMES MAGRAW and furnished the following explanation:

He stated that during the existence of the Federal

NY 62-10641

Writers Project on which many well-known and competent writers were employed it was a practice for an entire issue of a magazine to be produced solely by writers employed on the Project. The editing and production of the magazine would be left solely to their judgment with the publishers of the magazine performing only the task of printing. He stated that thus, since he was Director of the Project in New York City, his name might well have appeared on the masthead of a magazine published under such an arrangement.

With reference to the publication "Rank and File Federationist," he stated that this publication was the official organ of a group known as "The Rank and File Group of the AF of L Unemployment Insurance" or some similar title. He stated that he was employed as editor of this publication for a period of about six months in 1933 or 1934 and that the offices of this publication were located at 1 Union Square, New York City. He stated that he had no knowledge that this publication or the group which it represented was controlled, influenced or sympathetic to the Communist Party. In conclusion, MC GRAW stated that he desired to make no changes in his signed statement of December 8, 1950, and that he would repeat this statement even under oath. He reiterated his denial of any acquaintance with ANNA M. ROSENBERG and his belief that [redacted] had made his allegations solely for publicity purposes. He was asked to furnish circumstances under which [redacted] had previously acted, in his belief, solely for publicity purposes, and he stated that the only instances which he could recall were [redacted] previous appearances before Congressional committees.

JPM:mjt - 1

NY 62-10641

INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS MENTIONED  
BY [REDACTED] AS POSSIBLE  
SOURCES OF PERTINENT INFORMATION

Re Edward Dahlberg

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAS THOMAS E. O'BRIEN and ROBERT C. BLOUNT:

EDWARD DAHLBERG, 39-1/2 Washington Square South,  
New York City, New York, advised that he had never been a  
member of the Communist Party. However, he stated that  
he had been "pro-Communist" in his thinking and writings  
around 1930 and 1931, and said that during this period he  
had belonged to the John Reed Club. He advised that he had  
been a member of this club for only about eight or nine  
months.

DAHLBERG further related that during the time  
he had been a member of the John Reed Club, he had been  
engaged in free lance writing and said that among the  
publications for which he wrote, at that time, were the  
publications known as the "New Masses", "New Republic",  
and "The Nation".

Photographs of Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG were shown  
to DAHLBERG, but he said he could not identify the photo-  
graph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG as that of any person he had  
ever seen at any club meeting of the John Reed Club. He  
further said that he had never known anyone, who was a  
member of the John Reed Club, who was named ROSENBERG. He  
has heard of ANNA M. ROSENBERG, but could not recall ever  
having heard that ANNA M. ROSENBERG was a member of the  
Communist Party or a member of any Communist front organizations.

DAHLBERG said that he had "a hunch" that this  
investigation was "on the right track". He reiterated that  
he had no real basis for this belief, saying that it was  
purely his personal opinion that ANNA M. ROSENBERG could have

NY 62-10641

been pro-Communist during the 1930's. DAHLBERG said that he had no information or possible sources of information that would substantiate this personal opinion expressed above.

DAHLBERG stated that he changed his mind about Communist ideology in 1932 or 1933, and said that at that time he began to write a book which was anti-Communist. He related that this book entitled "Do These Bones Live?" was published by Harcourt-Brace in 1940.

He described the John Reed Club as an association of writers, artists, and sculptors, all of whom he said had definite pro-Communist leanings. He believed that the club house of the John Reed Club had been located on 6th Avenue, between 9th and 10th Streets, in New York City, and estimated that the membership of the John Reed Club had been somewhere between 40 to 50 people. He could not recall whether there were any membership cards or dues and did not know who was in charge.

DAHLBERG named the following as former members of the John Reed Club:

PHILIP ~~RAHV~~ and WILLIAM ~~PHELPS~~, both of whom he said are presently employed by the "Partisan Review";  
GRANVILLE ~~HICKS~~, free lance writer;  
JOE ~~PASS~~;  
MALCOLM ~~COWLEY~~, free lance writer and former book reviewer for the "New Republic";  
JOHN HOWARD ~~LAWSON~~ and ALBERT ~~MALTZ~~, both of whom were described by DAHLBERG as the Hollywood writers who had recently been convicted of contempt of congress;  
FANYA ~~FOSS~~;  
A woman named ~~LUMPKIN~~, who authored "To Make My Bread".

He also mentioned as former members of the John Reed Club the following: ORRICK ~~JOHNS~~, HENRY ~~ALSBERG~~ and JACOB ~~BAKER~~.

JPM:mjt - 3

NY 62-10641

(It is noted that information has been received that ORRICK JOHNS is deceased, and it is noted that HENRY ALSBERG and JACOB BAKER have been interviewed.)

DAHLBERG further said that a book dealer located on Christopher Street, New York City, whose name he could not recall, had been a member of the John Reed Club and was a person who might be able to furnish information concerning the members of this club.

Re Clifford Sutcliffe

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAS WILLIAM G. O'DONNELL and JOHN B. SIMMONS:

CLIFFORD SUTCLIFFE, 41 Morton Street, New York City, New York, advised that he had been employed on the Federal Writers Project of the WPA, in New York City, in the late 1930's and knew many of the writers and artists employed on this project. He said he was never a member of the John Reed Club, nor was he ever a member of the Communist Party. He never knew anyone named ANNA ROSENBERG, nor had he ever heard mention of the name ANNA ROSENBERG as a person who was a member of the Communist Party or of the John Reed Club.

He advised that in connection with the investigation made by the Dies Committee of the House of Representatives concerning a sit-down strike which occurred on the Federal Writers Project of WPA at New York, he had a number of pictures of those participating in the strike and he said that he furnished same to the Dies Committee.

He stated that he knew [redacted] when he worked on the [redacted] and afterwards when both were called to testify before the Dies Committee. He advised that [redacted] had a wonderful memory, and would, after many years, remember details that most people would have forgotten. He

JPM:mjt - 4

NY 62-10641

regarded [ ] as a rabid anti-Communist and he said he had no reason to doubt the integrity of [ ]

SUTCLIFFE advised that he also knew JAMES MC GRAW, when MC GRAW was employed on the Federal Writers Project of WPA, and he said that he regarded JAMES MC GRAW as a "weak sister", inasmuch as MC GRAW was easily influenced and usually went along with the crowd.

He stated that BRADLEY CUTLER also had been employed on the WPA Writers Project, but not for a long period of time. SUTCLIFFE said that this was due to the fact that BRADLEY CUTLER was intoxicated too much at a time. He said that the last two times he saw BRADLEY CUTLER, the latter was intoxicated and in fact was sprawled out on the steps leading to the apartment of a girlfriend of CUTLER'S, at a building located on 34th Street, north side, just east of 3rd Avenue. SUTCLIFFE knew nothing as to the present whereabouts of BRADLEY CUTLER and did not know the name of the girlfriend of CUTLER mentioned above.

SUTCLIFFE furnished five volumes of testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations published in 1939 which concerned the investigation of Communist infiltration of WPA projects. In these volumes was a photostat of the signers of the cover of the book "The People's Front" written by EARL BROWDER, which book was presented to "Comrade EDWIN BANTA". It is noted that among the signers of the cover of this book there was no indication of the name ANNA ROSENBERG.



LHB:EEK-1

NY 62-10641

Edward Malkin

Mr. EDWARD MALKIN, Financial Writer, for the "New York Herald Tribune" was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE H. BRACKEN and SA FRANCIS J. GALLANT in the lobby of the Statler Hotel on December 12, 1950. MALKIN advised that he had been quite friendly with [redacted] back in the middle 1930s and through him MALKIN had, for a period of approximately from the middle of 1935 to the very early part of 1938, been associated with the John Reed Club, located somewhere in Greenwich Village. MALKIN stated that he had attended one or two social functions there and to the best of his knowledge the entire organization was controlled by the Communist Party; however, there is nothing definite or specific by which he could prove this statement. He said that it was generally known to members of average intelligence that this was a Communist sponsored organization. MALKIN went on to state that he had never known ANNA M. ROSENBERG to be connected with the John Reed Club nor does he remember ever seeing her at any of the functions which he attended.

Concerning [redacted] MALKIN stated that he was a man of great extremes and he explained this by saying that when he was a Communist he went all out in his actions concerning this organization and when he became an anti-Communist the same was true. He continued by saying that he believed [redacted] was wrong in his accusations concerning Mrs. ROSENBERG but he pointed out in all the years he has known him he never knew him to deliberately lie nor did he ever know him to be wrong in any of his accusations he has made concerning people who are Communists or in the Communist set up in New York City.

Concerning the WPA Writers Project, MALKIN said that he was in that organization about 1935 or 1936 and he never knew of ANNA M. ROSENBERG to have influenced the selection of anyone's employment with that unit.

Mathew Hall

MATHEW HALL, 28 East 95th Street, New York City, was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE H. BRACKEN and SA FRANCIS J. GALLANT on December 12, 1950, at his home at which time he admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party from approximately 1935

NY 62-10641

until 1939 or 1940. To his knowledge he never heard of ANNA M. ROSENBERG being connected with the Party in any manner nor had he ever heard her name at any of the meetings which he had attended. He said that his knowledge concerning her was that she had been connected with the LaGuardia Administration in New York City back in the middle 1930s. He went on to say that he had little knowledge concerning the John Reed Club but that he did know it was located somewhere in Greenwich Village. When questioned concerning persons who were members of the Communist Party, during the period he was a member, who might possibly have known ANNA M. ROSENBERG, he advised that at this time he can not remember the names of any of the members nor could he remember the name or the location of the Communist Clubs to which he belonged. He could offer no pertinent information relative to this investigation.

JPM:EMD

1

NY 62-10641

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Re: Information concerning [redacted] former  
employment with [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA EUGENE W. HARRELL:

DOUGLAS SAXE, residing at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  James Street,  
New York City, with offices at Forster G. Bowen, Inc., 207  
East 43rd Street, New York City, furnished the following  
information regarding [redacted]

SAXE stated that he had previously been  
the [redacted] of the [redacted] of New  
England, with offices in Norwalk, Connecticut. SAXE explained  
that this firm was a subsidiary of the Microstatic Corporation  
with offices located in the same City. SAXE went on to say  
that these two companies and other subsidiaries of the Microstatic  
Corporation made microfilm reproductions of plans, contracts  
and formulae of every major war plant in the United States at  
the beginning of World War II. These films were made at the  
request of the various companies, were processed under strict  
secrecy, and the finished negatives were returned to the indi-  
vidual contracting companies. SAXE said that the regular and  
normal procedure at this company was to make one copy only of  
these microfilm photographs. After the development and  
processing of the film, it was supposed to be returned, under  
guard, to the separate companies.

SAXE went on to say that the [redacted]  
[redacted] of [redacted] was [redacted] SAXE  
said that he had read in the newspaper that [redacted]  
had testified before the Armed Services Committee concerning

JPM:EMD

2

NY 62-10641

ANNA M. ROSENBERG, and he advised that he knew that this was the [redacted] who had been employed as [redacted] at [redacted]

SAXE said that in his capacity as [redacted] [redacted] it was incumbent upon [redacted] [redacted] or any of its subsidiaries. He advised that as a result [redacted] confidential contracts which were being worked on, at the time, by the various war plants in the entire country. According to SAXE these included details regarding the early stages of Loran Radar, the proximity fuse and other technical projects being developed at that time. SAXE related that despite the fact that only one copy of all microfilms was supposed to be made, he, SAXE, in the fall of 1942, on one occasion, noticed that extra copies of at least one contract, which was being handled by Microstatic Corporation, were being made. He said that he saw an extra copy of a contract photographed for the Worthington Pump Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts, lying on the processing [redacted] These particular plans and photographs were of gun mounts being manufactured by the Worthington Pump Company for naval vessels.

It was SAXE'S opinion that [redacted] had been making copies of the microfilm in his control and diverting same to his own use. SAXE further ventured the opinion that [redacted] lived well beyond the means of the small \$125.00-a-week salary paid to [redacted] and he said that [redacted] apparently never was in need of ready cash.

SAXE went on to say that because he believed that copies of vital films processed by the Microstatic Corporation were being made available to unauthorized persons, the identity of said unauthorized persons not known to SAXE, he refused to let [redacted] process any more of the film photographed by the Microstatic Corporation of New England, and he said that on

JPM.EMD

3

NY 62-10641

November 13, 1942, he severed his, SAXE'S, relations with both of the firms.

SAXE stated that other individuals who were more intimate with [ ] during this period are as follows:

MR. VERNON PRATT, previously President of the Microstatic Corporation and presently associated with the firm of Gray and Pratt at an unknown address on Fifth Avenue, New York City. PRATT, according to SAXE, is still residing in Norwalk, Connecticut.

DONALD HARRISON, formerly of the Microstatic Corporation and believed by SAXE to be residing either in Westport, Connecticut, or Norwalk, Connecticut.

ELLIOT HYMAN, formerly Treasurer of the Microstatic Corporation and presently with Associated Producers, Ltd., located at either 404 or 440 Madison Avenue, New York City. He believed that HYMAN was residing at Norwalk, Connecticut.

WALTER LISSBERGER, previously President of the Microstatic Corporation of New England, whom SAXE believes is presently residing at Norwalk, Connecticut.

Re: Information furnished regarding person  
named ANNA ROSENBERG arrested by Police  
in Trenton, New Jersey, July, 1930

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability,  
on December 11, 1950, furnished the following information:

NY 62-10641

This informant said that the "New York Times," issue of May 19, 1930, set forth a list of names of persons who apparently were members of the John Reed Club, and the informant said that among those listed was one ANNA ROSENBERG.

This informant said that the informant had received information to the effect that one ANNA ROSENBERG, an unknown writer or authoress, was arrested by the Police in Trenton, New Jersey, in July, 1930. Further, that the July 30, 1930 edition of the "Daily Worker," according to the informant, contained a short story about an election rally that was broken up in Trenton, New Jersey. The informant was of the opinion that this story in the July 30, 1930, edition of the "Daily Worker" referred to the arrest of ANNA ROSENBERG in Trenton, New Jersey. The informant also stated that information had come to the informant's attention that one JOHN SODERBERG was also arrested with this ANNA ROSENBERG in Trenton, New Jersey. SODERBERG, according to the informant, had been sentenced to serve a term in prison at Sing Sing Prison, New York, sometime in 1932 after conviction on a charge of dynamiting a barge at Pier 11, East River, New York, New York. The informant said that this JOHN SODERBERG was at that time Secretary of the Independent Boatmen's Union.

This informant advised that the informant believed that the ANNA ROSENBERG who was arrested by the Police in Trenton, New Jersey, in July of 1930, could possibly be the ANNA ROSENBERG whose name was set forth on the list of names apparently members of the John Reed Club in the May 19, 1930, issue of the "New York Times," and the informant said that the above information was furnished with that in mind.

This informant further advised that included among the list of names apparently members of the John Reed Club

NY 62-10641

in the May 19, 1930, issue of the "New York Times" was the name ESTHER SHEMITZ, and this informant advised that he knows that ESTHER SHEMITZ was the maiden name of MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. This informant advised that, accordingly, MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS might be able to furnish some information concerning the identity of the ANNA ROSENBERG whose name appeared on the above-mentioned list, apparently a list of names of members of the John Reed Club.

Further, this informant advised that the informant knew that the following individuals had been instrumental in organizing the John Reed Club: CHARLES YALE HARRISON; GRANDVILLE HICKS; and MAX EASTMAN. The informant further related that in conversation with the three above-mentioned individuals he had mentioned ANNA M. ROSENBERG, and the informant said that all of the above three individuals, HARRISON, HICKS and EASTMAN, had indicated to this informant that they did not know of ANNA M. ROSENBERG ever having been a member of the John Reed Club.

NY 62-10641

Portion of Article Contributed by  
Anna M. Rosenberg, which Article  
Appeared in the Publication "New Masses".

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT C. BLOUNT and SA JOHN S. McCOOL:

The December 8, 1942 special issue of "New Masses" contains an article entitled, "What We Have Learned", a symposium. One of the contributors to this article was ANNA M. ROSENBERG, described as the New York Regional Director, War Manpower Commission. The portion of this article contributed by ANNA M. ROSENBERG is as follows:

"To me, there is one essential difference between woman's participation in this war and the last one. I think that today women have a much deeper appreciation of what this war means to them. It strikes at the very heart of all a woman lives for - the home. I think that what outrages the American women most is the attempted total obliteration of the family unit under Fascism and Nazism. Wherever these forms of government have been set up, they have, with cold deliberation, ruthlessly set about to destroy the dignity of the home and family, and to substitute for it a cold patronage of the state. Children are taught that they belong, not to the family, but to the state. Girls are urged to produce progeny for the further enhancement of the power and prestige of the state. The social security of the state demands it.

"In this country, I had the privilege of administering our own government's Social Security program for a number of years. Here, we interpret Social Security differently. To us, it is enrichment through a more secure economic position in our way of living. That has been our basis, and it has engendered a feeling of cooperation with, and participation in, our government's growth and progress, which is far more abiding than anything that brute force would ever accomplish.

"Of course, there are many practicalities which make woman's participation in the war, even today, much more valuable than it was twenty-five years ago. Women have become adept at handling machinery;



NY 62-10641

"they have earned for themselves a very secure and respected place in the labor market; they have broken down the skepticism and reluctance of employers.

"But basically, it is because the American woman today believes implicitly that she is helping to preserve the American family - its independence, its security, its hope of the future - that will make her contribution to eventual victory so tremendous."

"New Masses" was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.

- P E N D I N G -

JPM: EEK-2

NY 62-10641

"they have earned for themselves a very secure and respected place in the labor market; they have broken down the skepticism and reluctance of employers.

"But basically, it is because the American woman today believes implicitly that she is helping to preserve the American family - its independence, its security, its hope of the future - that will make her contribution to eventual victory so tremendous."

"New Masses" was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.

Re: Alleged Testimony of Dr. J.B. Matthews  
to the Effect that Ted Kirkpatrick Might  
Have Secured Pertinent Information from one  
[redacted] Concerning Anna M. Rosenberg

Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS is alleged to have testified before the Armed Services Committee that TED KIRKPATRICK, a former agent of this Bureau, had told J. B. MATTHEWS, about two weeks ago, that one [redacted] had told KIRKPATRICK when KIRKPATRICK was with the FBI, that HARRIS had seen ANNA M. ROSENBERG at a Communist Party cell meeting.

TED KIRKPATRICK was interviewed at his office at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, on December 12, 1950. Present at this interview were KENNETT BIERLEY and JOHN KEENAN, both former Special Agents of this Bureau. At the out set of this interview, TED KIRKPATRICK advised that since receiving Mr. SCHEIDT'S telephone call, he had talked to Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS on the telephone and MATTHEWS had been most apologetic and had advised KIRKPATRICK said that MATTHEWS, during this telephone call to KIRKPATRICK, had been most apologetic and was concerned over the fact that he, MATTHEWS, would have to re-appear before the committee and amend his previous testimony.

TED KIRKPATRICK advised that in connection with MATTHEWS' testimony, KIRKPATRICK, recalled that about two weeks ago, J. B. MATTHEWS telephonically communicated with KIRKPATRICK and asked if KIRKPATRICK'S files revealed any information on the alleged Communist activities of ANNA M. ROSENBERG, the Assistant Secretary of Defense. KIRKPATRICK advised MATTHEWS that his files did not reveal any information in this connection but suggested that there was an individual who probably might be able to throw some light on this and informed MATTHEWS that this individual probably should be interviewed.

JPM:EEK-2a

NY 62-10641

KIRKPATRICK stated that he was of the opinion at first that he had mentioned the name of [redacted] as a person who might be able to throw some light on this, but in his conversation this morning with MATTHEWS, the latter told KIRKPATRICK that KIRKPATRICK had not mentioned [redacted] name to MATTHEWS. Further MATTHEWS told KIRKPATRICK that he, MATTHEWS, had made some inquiries among other people concerning the ANNA M. ROSENBERG matter, and apparently had come up with the name of [redacted]

[redacted] according to KIRKPATRICK, is presently employed by the [redacted] at Indianapolis. KIRKPATRICK said that during the time he was employed as a Special Agent of this Bureau in the New York Office, he, KIRKPATRICK, had never interviewed [redacted] but KIRKPATRICK stated that subsequent to leaving the Bureau and forming his own company, he and his associates and "used" [redacted]

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGEAttempts to Locate and  
Interview Bradley Cutler  
and Villa Cutler

It is noted that [ ] advised that BRADLEY and VILLA CUTLER formerly resided on the north side of the street, on East 14th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Union Square, at the time he attended meetings at their home in late 1934, and [ ] knew of no address for the CUTLERS and could furnish no other information as to their present whereabouts.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM G. O'DONNELL and SA JOHN B. SIMMONS:

Mr. J. MARSHALL, Building Superintendent, 21 East 14th Street, New York City, advised that the building at 21 East 14th Street, New York City, was the only residential building on the north side of 14th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Union Square. He advised that this building was erected in 1939 and replaced a group of old houses formerly located at this site. He stated that no one named CUTLER had resided in the new building since the time it was erected. He advised further that the real estate company of Springer - Van Buren, 33 West 14th Street, might have records of tenants in the old houses at this site.

Mr. HEILMANN of Springer - Van Buren Real Estate Company, 33 West 14th Street, New York City, advised that a party named CUTLER resided at 21 East 14th Street, New York City, from February 1, 1932 to April 30, 1934 and subsequently in rooms #3 and #4 at 13 East 14th Street, New York City, from June 1, 1934 to February 28, 1935. Mr. HEILMANN said that the first name of the CUTLER who resided at these buildings on 14th Street, as mentioned above, did not appear in his records.

Mr. DELSEMME of Delsemme Artists' Materials Company, 4 West 15th Street, New York City, advised that he had maintained his shop at 13 East 14th Street, during 1934 and 1935, but he said he had no recollection of any persons residing at this address named CUTLER.

The following persons, all of whom advised that they had been residing at 13 East 14th Street, during 1934 and 1935,

JPM:EEK-4

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Cont'd.)

were interviewed, but all advised that they did not remember any tenant named CUTLER who had resided in that building:

VINCENT GILINSKY, presently residing 9 East 17th Street, New York City;

WALTER PACK, presently residing 3 Washington Square West, New York City;

DAVID KARFUNKEL, presently residing 20 East 14th Street, New York City, and

L. SPITZBAHM, presently residing 54 West 74th Street, New York City.

JAMES MAGRAW, previously mentioned in referenced reports, residing 226 West 10th Street, New York City, advised that he had been acquainted with BRADLEY CUTLER when he and CUTLER were both employed on the Federal Writers Project of the WPA, but said he last saw CUTLER in 1938. He advised that BRADLEY CUTLER had a bad heart condition and he ventured the opinion that BRADLEY CUTLER may be deceased.

Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3, both of known reliability, and both of whom might be in a position to furnish information regarding the present whereabouts of writers or artists, advised that they had no information concerning BRADLEY CUTLER or VILLA CUTLER.

Re: Alleged Testimony of Dr. J.B. Matthews  
to the Effect that Ted Kirkpatrick Might  
Have Secured Pertinent Information from one  
[redacted] Concerning Anna M. Rosenberg

Reference is made to information furnished by the Bureau in telephone call to this office from Assistant Director D. M. LADD, to the effect that Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS is alleged to have testified before the Armed Services Committee that TED KIRKPATRICK, a former agent of this Bureau, had told J. B. MATTHEWS, about two weeks ago, that one [redacted] had told KIRKPATRICK when KIRKPATRICK was with the FBI, that [redacted] had seen ANNA M. ROSENBERG at a Communist Party cell meeting.

JPM:EEK-5

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Cont'd.)

Reference is also made to the telephone call of Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT of this office to Assistant Director, D. M. LADD of the Bureau, on December 12, 1950, wherein Mr. SCHEIDT reported the results of a telephone call he had had with TED KIRKPATRICK wherein KIRKPATRICK had denied that the above facts, as allegedly stated by MATTHEWS, were true. Subsequent to this telephone conversation between TED KIRKPATRICK and Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT, the following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS G. SPENCER:

TED KIRKPATRICK was interviewed at his office at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, on December 12, 1950. Present at this interview were KENNETT BIERLEY and JOHN KEENAN, both former Special Agents of this Bureau. At the out set of this interview, TED KIRKPATRICK advised that since receiving Mr. SCHEIDT'S telephone call, he had talked to Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS on the telephone and MATTHEWS had been most apologetic and had advised KIRKPATRICK that his testimony before the Armed Services Committee had not been the same as the facts related to him by KIRKPATRICK. KIRKPATRICK said that MATTHEWS, during this telephone call to KIRKPATRICK, had been most apologetic and was concerned over the fact that he, MATTHEWS, would have to re-appear before the committee and amend his previous testimony.

TED KIRKPATRICK advised that in connection with MATTHEWS' testimony, KIRKPATRICK, recalled that about two weeks ago, J. B. MATTHEWS telephonically communicated with KIRKPATRICK and asked if KIRKPATRICK'S files revealed any information on the alleged Communist activities of ANNA M. ROSENBERG, the Assistant Secretary of Defense. KIRKPATRICK advised MATTHEWS that his files did not reveal any information in this connection but suggested that there was an individual who probably might be able to throw some light on this and informed MATTHEWS that this individual probably should be interviewed.

KIRKPATRICK stated that he was of the opinion at first that he had mentioned the name of [redacted] as a person who might be able to throw some light on this, but in his conversation this morning with MATTHEWS, the latter told KIRKPATRICK that KIRKPATRICK had not mentioned [redacted] name to MATTHEWS. Further MATTHEWS told KIRKPATRICK that he, MATTHEWS, had made some inquiries

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Cont'd.)

among other people concerning the ANNA M. ROSENBERG matter, and apparently had come up with the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] according to KIRKPATRICK, is presently employed by the [REDACTED] at Indianapolis. KIRKPATRICK said that during the time he was employed as a Special Agent of this Bureau in the New York Office, he, KIRKPATRICK, had never interviewed [REDACTED] but KIRKPATRICK stated that subsequent to leaving the Bureau and forming his own company, he and his associates had "used" [REDACTED]

KIRKPATRICK appeared quite concerned over that fact that he will be called as a witness to testify before the committee in view of MATTHEWS' testimony, and further stated that MATTHEWS would "look rather foolish" in the event KIRKPATRICK testified as to the true facts in this case. KIRKPATRICK was desirous of knowing if he was under subpoena by the Armed Services Committee and was advised that this fact was not known. At the conclusion of the interview, JOHN KEENAN, who was present, inquired if the Bureau was contemplating interviewing J. B. MATTHEWS in connection with MATTHEWS' testimony and in connection with this testimony as it related to TED KIRKPATRICK, but KEENAN was advised that it was not known if MATTHEWS would so be interviewed.

NY 62-10641

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Cont'd)

Re: Check of Records of County Clerk's  
Office Concerning John Reed Club

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ELMER M. ROTH:

The records of the County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court, New York County, New York, were checked for the year 1929 to the year 1935, inclusive, for any indication of a record of incorporation or organizational certificate concerning the John Reed Club. No record concerning the John Reed Club was contained in these records of the New York County Clerk's Office.

Re: Information Concerning STELLA BUCHWALD

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN B. SIMMONS:

It is noted that referenced report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated December 9, 1950, reflects the results of interview with STELLA BUCHWALD.

In regard to STELLA BUCHWALD, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that the files of the Henry Forbes Community Club contained a file card dated December 28, 1944 made out in the name of STELLA BUCHWALD, 215 East 12th Street, New York City. According to this informant, the Henry Forbes Club was a divisional club of the Communist Party as of 1944. The informant further advised that on this file card the name STELLA BUCHWALD was crossed out and next to it the name THAYER LA RUE was substituted. The informant further stated that the file card reflected that this person was described as: female, white, a teacher in school, and a C.I.O. member in the Fourth Assembly District. The informant further related that this card bore the number 27980, and further related that the number 27980 was also contained on a 1945 Communist Party card in the name of STELLA BUCHWALD.



NY 62-10641

L E A D S

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will locate and interview the following persons, all of whom are mentioned by EDWARD DAHLBERG as former members of the John Reed Club:

JOE PASS

FANYA FOSS, who may also be known as FANYA FOCH according to ROBERT VERN WARD.

GRANVILLE HICKS. (It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 also mentioned GRANVILLE HICKS as one of the persons who was instrumental in founding the John Reed Club.)

Will locate and interview the following persons, all of whom are mentioned by Confidential Informant T-1, in instant report, as persons who were instrumental in founding the John Reed Club:

CHARLES YALE HARRISON

MAX EASTMAN.

Will at the Board of Elections, New York City, make efforts to locate further registration records concerning JAMES MCGRAW, aka James Magraw.

Will attempt to locate and interview acquaintance of JAMES MCGRAW and will interview available informants in an effort to determine whether or not MCGRAW was member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party in 1934 or any time.

JPM:DRS

- 2 -

NY 62-10641

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN at New York, dated December 12, 1950, are identified as follows:

T-1

[REDACTED]

contacted by SA THOMAS G. SPENCER.

T-2

Confidential source [REDACTED]  
contacted by SA WILLIAM O. McCUE.

T-3

Confidential source [REDACTED]  
contacted by SA WILLIAM O. McCUE.

T-4

[REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
and SA ROBERT J. BARTH.

REFERENCE:

Reports of SA JAMES P. MARTIN at New York,  
dated 12/9/50 and 12/11/50.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 77-2208 VFH

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-12-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/9,11,12/50	REPORT MADE BY J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER
TITLE ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. DANIEL NAGRIN, known professionally as HELEN TAMARIS, has no knowledge concerning John Reed Club or ANNA ROSENBERG's alleged membership in same. JERRE MANGIONE admits attending several meetings of John Reed Club in New York City about 1932; does not know ANNA ROSENBERG or recognize her photograph.

- RUC -

DETAILS: AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. DANIEL NAGRIN, known professionally as HELEN TAMARIS, the choreographer for the musical production "Bless You All", which was presented at the Forrest Theatre, Philadelphia, up to December 9, 1950, said that she did not know Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG except from having read about her in the newspapers. Mrs. NAGRIN said that she had no knowledge whatever regarding the John Reed Club and did not know any people who might have been members of it.

JERRE MANGIONE, 1940 Delancy Street, employed by N. W. Ayer Advertising Company, Washington Square, Philadelphia, said that he was never a member of the John Reed Club of New York, but that he did attend some of its meetings in New York City about 1932.

He explained that these meetings were held usually evenings or Sundays at some place in the Greenwich Village section of New York. It was the custom to have a currently popular author as guest speaker and to invite authors who were attending to speak from the floor. There were usually from 100 to 200 people present. Most of the people who attended these meetings, according to

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. Cornelius</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 4 - New York 2 - Philadelphia		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">126-486-164</div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">RECORDED - 101</div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">INDEXED - 101</div>

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

PH 77-2208

MANGIONE, were like himself, young people who aspired to become authors and attended in order to see and hear successful writers.

He commented that he knows that some of those in attendance were Communists, although they were decidedly in the minority. He emphasized that those in attendance were extremely young and that any person over thirty years old was an exception and possibly would have been more noticeable.

It was MANGIONE's impression that by 1934 or 1935 the John Reed Club went out of existence.

MANGIONE said that he did not know Mrs. ANNA ROSENBERG except what he had read about her in the newspapers very recently and by reputation in past years as having been connected with the "New Deal" in some capacity. He did not recognize Mrs. ROSENBERG's maiden name of ANNA LEDERER. He was shown a photograph of Mrs. ROSENBERG taken in 1935 and said that he did not recognize it as the photograph of anybody he had ever seen.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The interview with Mrs. DANIEL NAGRIN, also known as HELEN TAMARIS, was conducted by SAS RICHARD H. GRABHAM and ALBERT RUNDBAKEN.

The interview with JERRE MANGIONE was conducted by SAS J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER and ROBERT W. HOLMES.

This is the joint report of the writer and SA ROBERT W. HOLMES.

MANGIONE commented that ALFRED ~~HAYES~~, author of "The Girl on the Via Flaminia", who he believes is at present a book reviewer for the New York Herald Tribune, was a leading figure in the John Reed Club. MANGIONE said that judging from HAYES' present writings, he is no longer sympathetic with Communism and might be a source of information about the activities and personalities in the John Reed Club. He also said that PHILIP ~~RAHV~~, Editor of the "Partisan Review", should be in a similar position to give information concerning the John Reed Club.

✓  
PARTIAL  
HAYES  
BY [unclear] TRIBUNE  
(Single copy)

PH 77-2208

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will, if considered advisable, interview ALFRED HAYES and PHILIP RAHV concerning their possible knowledge of ANNA ROSENBERG's connection with the John Reed Club. This lead has been set out in Philadelphia teletype dated 12-12-50.

REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Philadelphia, 12-8-50.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. H. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont *pl*

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

DATE: December 12, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Belmont \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Felix Larking, Legal Counsel to the Secretary of Defense, telephonically communicated with Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section and stated he was desirous of ascertaining if the Bureau was willing to have an FBI agent testify before the Armed Services Committee, to the effect that the FBI had searched their records and files and failed to locate any report or memorandum to the effect that former Agent George Starr had been informed by [ ] that Anna Rosenberg was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Larkin was informed that the Bureau could not acquiesce in this request. Mr. Larkin seemed satisfied with this answer.

MJL:pjb

RECORDED - 101

INDEXED - 101

126-486-165

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

DATE: December 12, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Belmont \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, telephonically communicated with Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section and stated that Benjamin Freedman had testified before the Armed Services Committee on the evening of December 11, and admitted that Gerald L. K. Smith had called and informed him that two investigators were coming to New York to see him. Larkin indicated this call from Smith was a long distance one and that Smith stated the investigators were Don Surine, of Senator Joe McCarthy's staff, and Ed Nellor, of Fulton Lewis' staff. Freedman also indicated that he had put Surine and Nellor in touch with [redacted]. Freedman also testified, according to Larkin, that he had dictated his statement regarding Anna Rosenberg in Congressman Rankin's office.

Larkin stated that Freedman was very embarrassed when he mentioned his connection with Gerald L. K. Smith.

Larkin also stated that the Committee was desirous of subpoenaing Ted Kirkpatrick, a former FBI agent, [redacted] and George Starr, a former FBI agent.

Larkin stated that he was of the opinion that Freedman's testimony indicated a close connection between Senator McCarthy and Gerald L. K. Smith, and Fulton Lewis and Gerald L. K. Smith.

This data is being brought to your attention for your information and record purposes.

MJL:pjb

RECORDED - 101

INDEXED - 101

EX-16

126-486-166

62 MAR 6 1951



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

CV FILE NO. 62-1023

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <p style="text-align: center;">CLEVELAND</p>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">12-12-50</p>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">12-11, 12-50</p>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <p style="text-align: center;">HAROLD J. BEUTER      JLG</p>
<b>TITLE</b> <p>ALLEGATIONS OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB</p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL INQUIRY</p>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 25%; font-style: italic; transform: rotate(-45deg); opacity: 0.5; margin-right: 10px;"> 12/11/50 12/12/50 12/13/50 </div> <div> <p>Father GEORGE GREGORY BERZINEC, Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Catholic Church, Akron, Ohio, and visiting professor of the Russian language, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio advised that about 1948 believes he received correspondence from one Dr. JENO BAJZA, a Priest of the Catholic Church in Budapest, Hungary. In this correspondence BAJZA mentioned that one BEN ROSENBERG was named as a First Secretary to Premier MATYAS RAKOSSY of Hungary. From reading recent newspaper articles that birthplace of ANNA M. ROSENBERG was Budapest, Hungary, BERZINEC assumed the possibility existed from similar last name of ANNA M. ROSENBERG that she might be distant relative of BEN ROSENBERG, but has no definite proof of relationship nor further basis for opinion that ANNA M. ROSENBERG is in any way connected with BEN ROSENBERG. ANNA M. ROSENBERG unknown to established confidential informants in Cleveland area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> </div> </div>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Bureau teletype to Cleveland dated 12-11-50</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Cleveland teletype to Bureau dated 12-12-50</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Kansas City teletype dated 12-11-50</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>R. J. Asbestos</i> <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small>		<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">126-486-167</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">RECORDED - 40</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">INDEXED - 11</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED - 11</div>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> <p>5 - Bureau (RMSD)  2 - New York  1 - Cleveland</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	

CV FO  
62-1023

DETAILS:

AT AKRON, OHIO

Father GEORGE GREGORY BERZINEC, Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Catholic Church, 2327 Seventeenth Street, Akron, Ohio, and a visiting professor of Russian language at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, upon interview advised that about 1948 he compiled a list of names comprising the Communist High Command or the ruling group of Communists in Hungary and Ruthenia, which information he had received in many letters of correspondence with one Dr. JENO BAJZA, whom he described as a Priest of the Catholic Church now living incognito in order to escape the Communist purge in Hungary.

He said that in one of the letters received from Dr. BAJZA he believes that he recalled the name of BEN ROSENBERG was mentioned in one of the letters as a First Secretary to Premier MATYAS RAKOSSY of Hungary.

He said that where the connection came about of his being suspicious of ANNA M. ROSENBERG was when he read a newspaper article concerning her possible appointment to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, in which it was indicated that her birth place was Budapest, Hungary. He thereupon came to the conclusion of believing that because the last name of BEN ROSENBERG is similar in spelling to the last name of ANNA M. ROSENBERG that he assumed the possibility existed that she might be a distant relative to the BEN ROSENBERG who was allegedly mentioned as being First Secretary to the President of Hungary, but that he had no definite proof of any relationship nor any further basis for his opinion and considered it only a possibility which he thought should be checked into by the proper authorities.

During the interview Father BERZINEC reviewed all of the available correspondence which he presently has in his possession and which had been received from Dr. JENO BAJZA, and was unable to locate the name of BEN ROSENBERG as being mentioned in any of the correspondence.

Cleveland confidential informants T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4 and T-5, all of known reliability, and who are familiar with Communist Party activities in the Cleveland area, all advised that the name of ANNA M. ROSENBERG had never come to their attention as ever having been connected in any way with Communist Party affairs in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

CV FO  
62-1023

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The Bureau's attention is directed to the case entitled "Father GREGORY BERZINEC, ESPIONAGE - X", with particular reference to Washington Field Office letter to the Director under date of June 10, 1947, wherein information was received from Mr. FRANK CHAPIN, Room 107, South Building, 25th and E Streets, N.W., Security Division, Central Intelligence Group, which described BERZINEC as "clever, persistent and unscrupulous".

A review of the Cleveland indices further show that there is considerable information in the Bureau's files concerning background information on Father GEORGE GREGORY BERZINEC, was.

The contact with Cleveland confidential informants T-1 through T-5 was handled by SA PALMER M. BAKEN, Jr.

CV FO  
62-1023

INFORMANTS

- T-1 - [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
(for protection)
- T-2 - [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
(for protection)
- T-3 - [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
(for protection)
- T-4 - [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
(for protection)
- T-5 - [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
(for protection)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS, JR.  
 RADIO STATION WEAM  
 7:00 P.M., 12-11-50

DATE: December 12, 1950

Tolson  
 Ladd  
 Clegg  
 Glavin  
 Nichols  
 Rosen  
 Tracy  
 Harbo  
 Belmont  
 Mohr  
 Tele. Room  
 Nease  
 Gandy

On this broadcast, Mr. Lewis related the following concerning Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg whose presidential appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense is under consideration by a Senate Committee.

It has been learned that discrepancies exist between the stenographic record and the official printed record of Anna Rosenberg's testimony before this committee. The discrepancies are accounted for by the fact that Mrs. Rosenberg was permitted to review the stenographic record, and edit it. For example, after Mrs. Rosenberg stated that another Anna Rosenberg, a writer living on 6th Avenue in New York City, was cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee, she was asked whether that person had been identified. The stenographic record shows the reply "Yes, they did." The official record shows the reply to have been, "I believe they did." The testimony was under oath, Lewis points out.

Today, former counsel of the HUAC, J. B. Mathews, testified he could not identify Mrs. Rosenberg as a reported Communist, and he repudiated remarks attributed to one Mr. Freedman, yet to appear as a witness.

The committee is in night session (12-11-50) and is recalling the printed transcripts of Mrs. Rosenberg's testimony so that the original stenographic version can be presented, without changes.

Lewis asked why haven't other members of the John Reed Communist Club been brought before the committee as witnesses.

ACTION: This is for information purposes.

ARA:bp

CC: Security Division

RECORDED - 40

INDEXED - 40

59 JAN 13 1951

126-486-16  
 168  
 67

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *pl*

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG *(m)*

DATE: December 12, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen ☒

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*ca*

Mr. Felix Larkin, General Counsel, Secretary of Defense's Office, telephonically communicated with Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section on December 12 and stated that Benjamin Freedman had testified before the Armed Services Committee today that Gerald L. K. Smith, Congressman Rankin and Congressman Gossett of Texas were working against Anna Rosenberg.

Larkin stated that Freedman had testified before the Armed Services Committee that he had paid for the issue of "Common Sense", which issue particularly attacked Anna Rosenberg. Freedman testified further that this issue had about 50,000 copies and that Freedman had paid a mailing concern in New York to mail out 25,000 of these copies with copies going to each Congressman and Senator.

Larkin stated that they were going to subpoena Willie Harris, a former FBI undercover agent who is presently in Indianapolis.

Larkin stated that if the Bureau had interviewed Harris that he would appreciate being advised of any comments made by Harris during this interview concerning Anna Rosenberg.

MJL:ilw

*7/26*

*pl*

RECORDED - 40

INDEXED - 40

*126-486-1169*

16 JAN 5 1951

WASHINGTON 9 AND NY 1 FROM PHILADELPHIA  
DIRECTOR AND SAC... U R G E N T

12-12-50

132 PM

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE  
JOHN REED CLUB, SI. MRS. DANIEL NAGRIN, AKA HELEN TAMARIS, HAD NO  
KNOWLEDGE OF ANNA ROSENBERG OR JOHN REED CLUB. JERRE MANGIONE  
ADMITS ATTENDING MEETINGS, JOHN REED CLUB, THIRTYTWO, BUT  
DENIES KNOWING ANNA ROSENBERG. DID NOT RECOGNIZE HER PHOTO.  
MANGIONE SAYS ALFRED HAYES, AUTHOR OF QUOTE THE GIRL ON THE VIA  
FLAMINA UNQUOTE, AND NY HERALD TRIBUNE BOOK REVIEWER,  
WAS LEADING FIGURE IN JOHN REED CLUB AND MAY HAVE INFO. MANGIONE  
BELIEVES HAYES NO LONGER COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER. ALSO PHILIP RAHV,  
EDITOR OF QUOTE PARTISAN REVIEW UNQUOTE, WAS ACTIVE IN JOHN REED  
CLUB AND MAY KNOW OF ROSENBERGS POSSIBLE CONNECTION. NY WILL  
INTERVIEW BOTH. PHILA. SUBMITTING REPORT ON NAGRIN AND MANGIONE  
INTERVIEWS TODAY.

CORNELIUS

WA PLS HOLD AND NY PLS AAD

NY PH R1 NY GAF

59 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 15

EX-123

126-486-172

WA 11 NY 6 FROM BALTIMORE 12 9-35 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY. REMYTEL NOVEMBER SEVEN. MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY ON BASIS OF INFORMATION IN RETEL AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SA THOS. MCANDREW, NY, BY TELEPHONE TODAY. MRS. CHAMBERS ADVISES THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG IS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HER AND THAT SHE DOES NOT RECALL KNOWING ANY INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SHE RECALLS THAT IN THE EARLY THIRTIES HER NAME, ESTHER SHEMITZ, APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES IN A LIST OF JOHN REED CLUB MEMBERS, BUT STATES THAT HER NAME WAS INCLUDED IN THAT LIST WITHOUT HER CONSENT ACTUALLY HAVING BEEN REQUESTED. SHE DOES NOT REMEMBER AN ANNA ROSENBERG BEING MENTIONED THEREIN. MRS. CHAMBERS DROPPED FROM THE CLUB IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY ONE AND HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH IT. SHE DOES NOT RECALL THE INCIDENT IN TRENTON, N.J. IN JULY NINETEEN THIRTY WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED ANNA ROSENBERG WAS ARRESTED. MRS. CHAMBERS ADVISED THAT SHE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY VICTOR LASKY LAST NIGHT NOV. ELEVEN, RE THIS MATTER AND INFORMED HIM THAT SHE KNOWS NO ANNA ROSENBERG. MR. AND MRS. CHAMBERS REITERATED THEIR BELIEF THAT GRACE LUMP<sup>K</sup>IN MAY BE AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THIS

END OF PAGE ONE

RECORDED - 15  
EX-123



PAGE TWO

MATTER. THEY STATED THAT THE JOHN REED CLUB FELL INTO TWO GROUPS, THE ARTISTS AND THE WRITERS. THE TWO GROUPS DID NOT USUALLY MIX, EXCEPT IN GENERAL MEETINGS. GRACE LUMPKIN WAS WITH THE WRITERS GROUP. AND THEREFORE MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE ANNA ROSENBERG DESCRIBED AS AN UNKNOWN WRITER OR AUTHORESS IN RETEL. PHOTO OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG DISPLAYED TO MRS. CHAMBERS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REPORT FOLLOWS.

CARSON

END

CORRECTION PAGE ONE LAST LINE FIRST WORD SHOULD BE " LUMPKIN"

NY ACK AND DISC WA HOLD

NY BM R Y 6 NYC REOT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 12 1950

TELETYPE

40770

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI CLEVELAND 12-12-50

MMK 3-00 PM EST

DIRECTOR

U R G E N T

ALLEGATIONS OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REBUTEL DEC. ELEVEN. FATHER GEORGE GREGORY BERZINEC, PASTOR, ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH, AKRON, OHIO, AND VISITING PROFESSOR OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, ADVISED THAT ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT BELIEVES HE RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM ONE DR. JENO BAJZA A PRIEST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. IN THIS CORRESPONDENCE BAJZA MENTIONED THAT ONE BEN ROSENBERG WAS NAMED AS A FIRST SECRETARY TO PREMIER MATYAS RAKOSSY OF HUNGARY. FROM READING RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES THAT BIRTHPLACE OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG WAS BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, BERZINEC ASSUMED THE POSSIBILITY EXISTED FROM SIMILAR LAST NAMES OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG THAT SHE MIGHT BE DISTANT RELATIVE OF BEN ROSENBERG MENTIONED ABOVE, BUT HAS NO DEFINITE PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP NOR FURTHER BASIS FOR OPINION THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG IS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH BEN ROSENBERG. THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CASE ENTITLED FATHER GREGORY BERZINEC, AKA FATHER GEORGE GREGORY BERZINEC, ESPIONAGE DASH X. WASHINGTON FIELD SUPPLIED INFO TO BUREAU JUNE TEN, FORTYSEVEN RECEIVED FROM FRANK CHAPIN, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP DESCRIBING BERZINEC AS CLEVER, PERSISTENT, AND UN-SCRUPULOUS. REPORT FOLLOWS.

ABBATICCHIO

END

3-05 PM OK FBI WA EAB

RECORDED

-22

126-486-172

52 JAN 13

WASH 9 NEW YORK 6 FROM CHICAGO

12

6-08 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG, JOHN REED CLUB,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE KANSAS CITY TEL DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST. INQUIRY  
AT WOMEN-S VOICE, FIVE THREE SEVEN SOUTH DEARBORN, REVEALED HENRY  
H. KLEIN, A CONTRIBUTOR TO THAT PUBLICATION, HAS ALWAYS RESIDED  
IN NEW YORK CITY, OFFICE ADDRESS TWO SIX ONE BROADWAY. RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN. NEW YORK LOCATE AND INTERVIEW IN ACCORDANCE RE TEL.  
NO RECORD THIS OFFICE IDENTIFIABLE WITH MRS. ROSENBERG OR WITH KLEIN.  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES WILL BE CONTACTED. COPY THIS BTEL BEING SENT  
DETROIT SPECIAL DELIVERY.

MC SWAIN

CC DETROIT

HOLD PLS

52 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 22

126-486-173

Extraneous to 1146

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 12/1950  
71

TELETYPE

FBI KANSAS CITY

12-11-50

11-45 PM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO, CLEVELAND AND NEW YORK

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND BUTEL TO KC THIS DATE STATED ROSENBERG IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE MIDDLE THIRTIES AND WAS ALSO A CP MEMBER AT THAT TIME. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM AN INVESTIGATOR IN THE EMPLOY OF SENATOR MCCARTHY. SENATOR MCCARTHY ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AN ATTORNEY JAMES T. JENNING, ONE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT OAK STREET, KCMO, IN WHICH JENNING ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT A COMMUNIST TOLD HIM THAT HARRIMAN IS IN CHARGE OF PUTTING REDS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER THAT ANNA ROSENBERG IS QUOTE VERY RED, UNQUOTE. ON INTERVIEW JENNING STATED HE HAS NO FIRST HAND INFORMATION AND WAS REPEATING STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN PAST HAS BEEN USED AS INFORMANT THIS OFFICE BUT WAS DISCONTINUED AS UNRELIABLE. HAS RECENTLY FURNISHED INFORMATION ON VOLUNTARY BASIS, SOME OF WHICH IS RELIABLE. WAS FORMER CP MEMBER KCMO AND NOW ON NATIONAL BOARD OF CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN. SHE STATES SHE REMEMBERS

RECORDED - 226-486-174

52 JAN 13 1951

7-73

6

PAGE TWO

HEARING NAME ANNA ROSENBERG, A WRITER AND SOCIAL WORKER IN NEW YORK MENTIONED IN COMMUNIST CIRCLES IN CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO BUT CANNOT GIVE SPECIFIC INSTANCES. BELIEVE THAT ONE HENRY H. KLEIN, DESCRIBED BY [ ] AS QUOTE A RENEGADE JEW UNQUOTE WHO RECENTLY HAS BEN<sup>E</sup> WRITING FOR WOMENS VOICE, AN~~X~~ ANTISEMITIC PAPER PUBLISHED, ROOM EIGHT NAUGHT THREE, FIVE THIRTY SEVEN SOUTH DEARBORN, CHICAGO, ILL. NAMED ANNA ROSENBERG AS JEWISH COMMUNIST AT A MEETING OF MICHIGAN MOTHERS GROUP AT HOME OF MRS BLANCHE WINTERS IN DETROIT IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. [ ] DOES NOT KNOW ANNA ROSENBERG AND DOES NOT KNOW IF ONE MENTIONED BY KLEIN IS THE ANNA ROSENBERG IN QUESTION.

[ ] MENTIONED ABOVE TO JENNING AS OPINION, NOT F<sup>A</sup>CT.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY H. KLEIN BEING CAREFUL TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF [ ] CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND CONTACT<sup>T</sup> CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES FOR ANY INDICATION ANNA ROSENBERG KNOWN IN COMMUNIST CIRCLES. BUREAU INSTRUCTS SETTING OUT NECESSARY LEADS BY TEL AND ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU. THIS MATTER IS URGENT. IMPORTANCE OF COVERING LEADS IMMEDIATELY AND SUBMITTING TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. NEW YORK ORIGIN. NO LEAD SET OUT FOR DETROIT AS BELIEVED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM KLEIN. COPY THIS TEL BEING SENT DETROIT AMSD.

BOARDMAN

END

ACK IN ORDER PLS

WA 1253 AM OK FBI WA EW

CG OK F BI CG WFM

CV OK FBI CV TRS

NYC OK FBI NYCREOT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 12 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*4716*

WASH FROM NEW YORK 28

12

4-17 P

DIRECTOR

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REFERENCE IS MADE TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D.M. LADDS TELEPHONE CALL FOUR THIRTY PM, DEC. ELEVENTH, CONCERNING THE FACT THAT J.B. MATTHEWS IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TESTIFIED THAT HE INDICATED THAT TED KIRKPATRICK /A FORMER AGENT/ HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO THAT [REDACTED] HAD TOLD KIRKPATRICK WHEN KIRKPATRICK WAS WITH THE FBI THAT HE HAD SEEN ANNA ROSENBERG IN A CP CELL MEETING. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO MR. SCHEIDTS CALL TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D.M. LADD ON DEC. TWELFTH, WHEREIN MR. SCHEIDT REPORTED THE RESULTS OF A TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD HAD WITH KIRKPATRICK, WHEREIN KIRKPATRICK HAD DENIED THAT THE ABOVE FACTS AS STATED BY MATTHEWS WERE TRUE. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS TELEPHONE CALL, TED KIRKPATRICK WAS INTERVIEWED IN HIS OFFICE AT FIFTY FIVE WEST FORTY SECOND ST. PRESENT AT THIS INTERVIEW WERE EX-AGENTS KENNETH BIERLY AND JOHN KEENAN. AT THE OUTSET OF THE INTERVIEW KIRKPATRICK ADVISED THAT SINCE RECEIVING MR. SCHEIDTS TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD TALKED TO MATTHEWS ON THE PHONE, AND MATTHEWS HAD BEEN MOST APOLOGETIC AND ADVISED KIRKPATRICK

136-486-175  
JAN 15 1951

RECORDED - 22

PAGE TWO

THAT HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE HAD NOT STRICTLY CONFORMED TO INFO SUPPLIED HIM BY KIRKPATRICK. HE SAID THAT MATTHEWS WAS CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO REAPPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND AMEND HIS PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. KIRKPATRICK ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH MATTHEWS TESTIMONY HE KIRKPATRICK, RECALLED THAT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO J.B. MATTHEWS TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH KIRKPATRICK AND ASKED WHETHER KIRKPATRICKS FILES REVEALED ANY INFO ON THE ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. KIRKPATRICK ADVISED MATTHEWS THAT HIS FILES DID NOT REVEAL ANY INFO IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROBABLY MIGHT BE ABLE TO THROW SOME LIGHT ON THIS, AND INFORMED MATTHEWS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL PROBABLY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. KIRKPATRICK STATED THAT HE WAS OF THE OPINION AT FIRST THAT HE HAD MENTIONED [REDACTED] NAME, BUT IN HIS CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH MATTHEWS THE LATTER STATED THAT KIRKPATRICK HAD NOT MENTIONED [REDACTED] NAME. FURTHER, THAT MATTHEWS HAD MADE SOME INQUIRIES AMONG OTHER PEOPLE CONCERNING THE ANNA ROSENBERG AFFAIR AND APPARENTLY HAD COME UP WITH [REDACTED] NAME. [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO KIRKPATRICK, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE [REDACTED] OF INDIANAPOLIS. KIRKPATRICK STATED THAT DURING THE TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE NYO AS AN AGENT HE HAD NEVER HANDLED THE INFORMANT [REDACTED] BUT DID STATE

END OF PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

THAT SUBSEQUENT TO LEAVING THE BUREAU AND FORMING THEIR OWN COMPANY, THEY HAD "USED" [REDACTED] KIRKPATRICK APPEARED QUITE CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT HE WILL BE CALLED AS A WITNESS TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN VIEW OF MATTHEWS TESTIMONY, AND FURTHER STATED THAT MATTHEW<sup>5</sup> WOULD "LOOK RATHER FOOLISH" IN THE EVENT KIRKPATRICK TESTIFIED AS TO THE TRUE FACTS IN THE CASE. KIRKPATRICK WAS DESIROUS OF KNOWING IF HE WAS UNDER SUBPOENA BY THE COMMITTEE AND HE WAS INFORMED THAT THIS FACT WAS NOT KNOWN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW KEENAN ASKED IF THE BUREAU WAS CONTEMPLATING INTERVIEWING MATTHEWS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TESTIMONY AND AS IT RELATED TO KIRKPATRICK, AND HE WAS INFORMED THAT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER MATTHEWS WOULD BE SO INTERVIEWED.

SCHEIDT

END

NY R 28 WA DD

CC. Mr. Harold  
Mr. Rose



12-12-50

12

7p

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR AND SAC

U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN  
REED CLUB - SI. RE NY TEL DECEMBER ELEVEN. BENJAMIN MANDEL, OF HCUA  
REPORTS NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES MAGRAW AND ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

HE REPORTS ONLY LIMITED TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]  
INDICATING HE FOUND [REDACTED] COOPERATIVE AND RELIABLE ON THOSE FEW  
OCCASIONS, BUT ADVISED HE CAN NOT MAKE A POSITIVE STATEMENT AS TO  
[REDACTED] RELIABILITY.

HOTTEL

DFM:MLS

77-15072

RECORDED

7126-486-176

52 JAN 13 1951

DEC 12/1950

TELETYPE

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 88 12 10-33 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTN...ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6-19-86 BY SP1 Mac/te  
#86,58

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SI. TELETYPE SUMMARY FOR DEC. TWELVE, FIFTY. [REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED DEC. TWELVE, FIFTY, FURNISHED NAME OF EDWARD MALKIN, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" BUSINESS DEPARTMENT AS AN EX CP MEMBER WHO KNEW MAGRAW AND WHO WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION. ALSO NAME OF AARON TRUPIN WHO WAS CP MEMBER AND KNEW MAGRAW AND WHOSE PRESENT STATUS IS UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] ALSO FURNISHED NAME OF BEN KAGAN ALSO FORMERLY IN CP. KNEW MAGRAW AND LIVES SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE LEFT NORWALK, CONN. IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE OR FORTY TWO IN ORDER TO COME TO NY WITH ELLIOT HYNEMAN AND M. S. LEHMAN, OFFICERS OF MICRO-STATIC CORP., WHO WERE CONTINUING BUSINESS IN NYC. STATED THAT HE WAS WITH THIS FIRM UNTIL FORTY NINE AT WHICH TIME FINANCIAL REVERSES CAUSED CLOSING OF FIRM AND HE DISMISSED THE EMPLOYEES AND CLOSED UP OFFICE HIMSELF. DENIES THAT THERE WAS EVER ANY TROUBLE OVER PHOTO

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

52 JAN 17 1951

END PAGE ONE

RECORDED 23

EX-13

126-486-177

PAGE TWO

GRAPHING OF MICROFILM OR SECURITY IN REGARD TO SUCH PHOTOGRAPHING. STATES THAT HE WAS NEVER IN TROUBLE WHILE WORKING FOR MICROSTATIC CORP. [ ] ADVISED THAT SAMUEL FOX OR FASTMAN IS ABOUT SIXTY TO SIXTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TALL, WEIGHS TWO FIVE NAUGHT LBS., BALD WITH THIN FRINGE OF GRAY HAIR ON SIDE, HEAVY JOWLS AND WAS "AMBULANCE" TYPE OF LAWYER. HE LIVED SOMEWHERE ON ONE NAUGHT THREE STREET BETWEEN MANHATTAN AND COLUMBUS AVENUES. HIS FORMER WIFE AND SON LIVED AT FORTY THREE WEST NINETY THIRD STREET. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS LEON KAPPE IS ACTUALLY NATHAN "NAT" KAPLAN WHO IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK "THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES" BY BEN GITLOW WHO STATES IN THAT BOOK THAT AS OF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT KAPLAN WAS KNOWN AS GANLY, A MEMBER OF LOCAL ONE SIX FIVE, UAW, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. KAPLAN WAS FORMERLY SECRETARY OF THE YCL AND TOLD [ ] AT ONE TIME THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. ACCORDING TO [ ], MATTHEW HALL, ANNA KORNBLATT AND MARTHA CAMPION ALSO GAVE HIM THE SAME INFO. KORNBLATT, WHICH MAY

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

ALSO BE SPELLED WITH A C, WAS BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE "NEW PIONEER" MAGAZINE AND WAS ABOUT FOUR FEET EIGHT OR NINE INCHES TALL, STURDY BUILT, BROAD FACE, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, WORN IN A SEVERE STYLE. HALL WHEN LAST HEARD OF BY [ ] WAS RAISING FUNDS FOR CAMP WOCHICIA A COMMUNIST YOUTH CAMP AND HUNG AROUND CP HEADQUARTERS. CAMPION WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP AND JOHN REED CLUB, WAS ABOUT FIVE FEET TALL, WEIGHED ONE HUNDRED LBS., HAD YELLOW BLONDE HAIR, PALE COMPLEXION, BLUE EYES AND WAS EDITOR OF "NEW PIONEER" MAGAZINE. SHE WAS MARRIED TO AND SEPARATED FROM CONRAD KOMOROVSKI WHO WAS A RABID PARTY MEMBER AND HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. [ ] STATED THAT GENEVIEVE PITO WAS AN ACCOMPANIST FOR DANCERS AND THAT HELEN TAMARIS WAS ONE OF THEM. [ ] ALSO STATED THAT LISTON M. OAK PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE VOICE OF AMERICA, NYC, MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. A LIST CONTAINING NAMES OF PERSONS SIGNING THE JOHN REED CLUB PROTEST AGAINST ANTI RED PROPAGANDA PUBLISHED IN "NEW YORK TIMES" MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY WAS

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

SHOWN TO [ ] AND HE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE STILL MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AT THE TIME HE BELONGED IN THIRTY FOUR AND THIRTY FIVE--- LON ADOHMYAN, AN ARMENIAN ARTIST, JACOB BURCK, CARTOONIST, "DAILY WORKER", MIKE GOLD, WRITER FOR THE "DW", HELEN BLACK, NOW THE WIFE OF ISIDOR SCHNEIDER OF "NEW MASSES", YUGO GELLERT, CARTOONIST FOR THE "DAILY WORKER", WILLIAM GROPPER, ILLUSTRATOR FOR THE "DAILY WORKER", JOSEPH NORTH, EDITOR OF "NEW MASSES", M.J. OLGIN, EDITOR OF "FREIHEIT", ANTON REFREGIER, AN ARTIST AND COMMUNIST, PHILIP REISMAN, AN ARTIST AND COMMUNIST WHO IS NOW ANTI COMMUNIST AND LIVES IN BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, NYC, ANNA ROCHESTER, A COMMUNIST, ISIDOR SCHNEIDER OF "NEW MASSES" AND THE "MASSES AND MAINSTREAM".

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HE STATED HAVE TURNED AGAINST COMMUNISTS AND  
SHOULD BE WILLING TO FURNISH INFO-- JOHN DOS PASSOS, PRESENTLY IN  
CAPE COD, MASS., MAX EASTMAN, PRESENTLY IN MARTHA-S VINEYARD, MASS.,  
CHARLES Y. HARRISON, THE ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF THE CLUB, NORMAN MACLEOD

END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

WHO WENT TO MOSCOW AND WAS DISILLUSIONED. HE WAS MARRIED TO A NEGRESS IN HARLEM. ALSO PHILIP REISMAN, AN ARTIST AND ESTHER SHEMITZ, WIFE OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, HE FURNISHED INFO CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING-- MALCOLM COWLEY, EDITOR OF EITHER THE "NATION" OR "NEW REPUBLIC", ADOLPH DANE, AN ARTIST, FLOYD DELL, A WRITER, C. HARTLEY GRATTAN, A COMMUNIST, MRS. STEVE NAFT, KNOWS HIM, ROBERT W. DUNN, PRESENTLY ON THE WEST COAST, THE SON OF ELLA RIEVE BLOOR KNOWN AS MOTHER BLOOR, KENNETH FEARING, A POET ON THE WPA WRITERS PROJECT, E. HALDEMAN JULIUS, PRESENTLY EDITOR OF PAPER "FREEMAN" IN GERARD, KANSAS, JACK HARDY, TRADE UNION ORGANIZER, ARTHUR G. HAYES, AN ATTORNEY, GRACE HUTCHINS, FORMERLY HEAD OF LABOR RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR CP, SCOTT NEERING, WROTE BOOK "ABC OF COMMUNISM", HARRY A. POTAMKIN, DECEASED, DAVID SAPPOS, WAS IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOY, OTTO SOGLOW OF "NEW YORKER" MAGAZINE WHO MAY NOW BE ANTI COMMUNIST, GENEVIEVE TAGGARD, POET, CARLO TRESKA, DECEASED, ART YOUNG, DECEASED. BOSTON OFFICE BEING ADVISED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MAX EASTMAN, JOHN DOS PASSOS

END PAGE FIVE

PAGE SIX

AND GRANVILLE HICKS UACB. RE CHARLES YALE HARRISON MENTIONED IN RE NY TEL DEC. ELEVEN, FIFTY, HARRISON WAS CONTACTED TODAY BY TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW BUT HARRISON ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG. SAID HE HAD SOME INFO BUT WISHED TO DISCUSS HIS POSITION WITH HIS ATTORNEYS TO FIND OUT WHERE HE STOOD. SAID WANTED TO BE SURE OF HIS INFO BEFORE HE "WENT OUT ON A LIMB". STATED HE WOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT HE COULD FURNISH THIS INFO WITHIN A WEEK AND PROBABLY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. PROMISED TO GIVE ANY INFO HE DECIDED TO FURNISH TWENTY FOUR HOURS BEFORE "I GO TO WASHINGTON TO FURNISH IT TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY". HARRISON PROMISED TO CALL THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS HE DECIDED THIS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. RE PERSONS MENTIONED BY  AS POSSESSING PERTINENT INFO, CLIFFORD SUTCLIFFE, EDWARD MALKIN AND MATHEW HALL INTERVIEWED BUT ALL ADVISED COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFO CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

SCHEIDT

HOLD

12-11-50

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 12 1950

TELETYPE

CONF WASHINGTON & WASH FIELD FROM NEW YORK 1

12

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

ATTN...ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

b7D

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SI. RENYTEL DEC. ELEVEN LAST, RE RUTH CRAWFORD MENTIONED IN REF TEL. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT AFTER LEAVING THE WRITERS PROJECT, CRAWFORD WENT TO WASH., DC AND IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, WASH., DC POSSIBLY WITH NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. BUREAU REQUESTED TO GRANT PERMISSION WFO TO INTERVIEW RUTH CRAWFORD RE INFORMATION IN RETEL RE MICHAEL GOLD AND SENDER GARLIN. LAST TWO PERSONS WERE MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] AS PERSONS WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN PROMINENT IN MANAGING THE JOHN REED CLUB AT NY. SHE HAS NO DEFINITE INFO ON THIS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL GOLD AND SENDER GARLIN DESIRED RE LISTON OAK.

[REDACTED] SAYS HE BELIEVES LISTON OAK, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED VOICE OF AMERICA AT NY, ATTENDED MEETINGS JOHN REED CLUB AND MIGHT HAVE PERTINENT INFO. OAK WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THIS OFFICE UACB RE

59 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 23

126-486-178  
JAN 4 1951

END PAGE ONE

TWO COPIES WFO 73



PAGE TWO

LOUELLA HENKLE, MENTIONED IN RETEL. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT LOUELLA HENKLE WAS ASSISTANT TO JAMES MAGRAW AT WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, NY. SAYS SUBSEQUENTLY SHE SET UP YOUTH HOSTELS IN CALIFORNIA AND AT SAID HOSTELS SHE LECTURED YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE USE OF CONTRA-CEPTIVES. SAYS THEREAFTER HENKLE RECEIVED ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN NEWSPAPERS BECAUSE PARENTS OF BOYS AND GIRLS AT YOUTH HOSTELS COMPLAINED SINCE MANY OF THE GIRLS BECAME PREGNANT. SAYS LOUELLA HENKLE WAS CITED IN REPORTS OF CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON UN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. BELIEVES HENKLE PRESENTLY RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AREA. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INTERVIEW OF HENKLE BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE DESIRED. UNTIL BUREAU ADVISES RE THIS, NO INFO BEING FURNISHED LOS ANGELES CONCERNING HENKLE.

SCHEIDT

11  
44

HOLD PLS

cc: Mr. Rosen

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEC 12 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH FROM NEW YORK

83

12

10-24 P

DIRECTOR

URGENT

4710

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB., SPEICAL INQUIRY. FORMER SA GEORGE STARR INTERVIEWED TODAY. HE RECALLS SEEING [ ] ABOUT TWENTY TIMES IN LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES. RECALL [ ] TURNED OVER MANY PERIODICALS TO HIM INCLUDING COPIES OF "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY." NEVER RECALLED [ ] MENTIONING ANNA ROSENBERG. [ ] IMPRESSED STARR AS RELIABLE AND REASONABLY CONSERVATIVE, NOT GIVEN TO RASH OPINIONS.

59 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 15

EX-123

126-486-179  
JAN 4 1951  
SCHEIDT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 12 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WASH FROM NEW YORK

25

12

2-22P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTENTION ASST DIRECTOR ROSEN.

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. EDWARD DAHLBERG, BOOK REVIEWER FOR "THE FREEMAN," ANTI-COMMUNIST MAGAZINE, INTERVIEWED ON DECEMBER ELEVENTH. ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB FOR EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS IN NINETEEN THIRTY OR THIRTY ONE BUT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANNA M. ROSENBERG FROM PHOTOGRAPHS AS PERSON HE EVER SAW THERE. DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED ROSENBERG AS MEMBER OF CLUB. HAS HEARD OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE HE EVER MET HER AND DOES NOT RECALL EVER HAVING HEARD SHE WAS MEMBER OF CP OR ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS. CLAIMS HE SEVERED ALL COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO OR THIRTY THREE AND HAS BEEN ANTI-COMMUNIST, AND HAS NOT ATTENDED JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS SINCE THEN. NAMED FOLLOWING AS FORMER MEMBERS OF JOHN REED CLUB. PHILIP RAHVE AND WILLIAM PHELPS OF PARTISAN REVIEW, GRANVILLE HICKS, JOE PASS, MALCOLM COWLEY, FANYA FOSS, GRACE LUMPKIN, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, ALBERT MALTZ, WILLIAM SAROYAN, ORRIK JOHNS, HENRY ALSBERG, AND JAKE BAKER. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PHILIP RAHVE, WILLIAM PHELPS, GRANVILLE HICKS, JOE PASS, AND FANYA FOSS. HENRY ALSBERG AND JACOB BAKER HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED.

RECORDED - 23

HOLD PLS

JAN 15 1951

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 11 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASH FROM NEW YORK 44

13

8-49 P

DIRECTOR

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN. FOR THE INFO OF THE DETROIT OFFICE, [REDACTED] FORMER CP MEMBER, HAS FURNISHED A SIGNED STATEMENT WHEREIN HE STATES THAT ONE JAMES MAGRAW, WHOM [REDACTED] SAID WAS A CP MEMBER IN MID NINETEEN THIRTIES AND SUPERVISOR OF WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR, TOOK [REDACTED] TO A MEETING OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AT NYC WHERE MAGRAW POINTED OUT ANNA ROSENBERG TO [REDACTED] MAGRAW SAID ROSENBERG, WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP. [REDACTED] ALSO SAYS THAT HE SAW ANNA ROSENBERG AT THREE OR FOUR OTHER MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN THE PERIOD OF FALL NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO FALL NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIES THIS ANNA ROSENBERG AS ANNA M. ROSENBERG, PRESENTLY ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, US GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] LATER ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS LEON KAPPE IS ACTUALLY

END OF PAGE ONE

RECORDED

126-486-181

JAN 15 1951

-73

65 JAN 15 1951

PAGE TWO

NATHAN QUOTE NAT UNQUOTE KAPLAN, WHO IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK QUOTE THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES UNQUOTE, BY BEN GITLOW, WHO STATES IN THAT BOOK THAT AS OF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT KAPLAN WAS KNOWN AS GANLY, A MEMBER OF LOCAL ONE SIX FIVE, UAW, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. KAPLAN WAS FORMERLY SECRETARY OF THE YCL AND TOLD [REDACTED] AT ONE TIME THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO GRANT DETROIT AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW NATHAN KAPLAN, AKA NAT GANLEY, FOR ANY INFO HE HAS CONCERNING THE ABOVE ALLEGATION BY [REDACTED] AND FURTHER TO ASCERTAIN IF KAPLAN HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ANNA ROSENBERG OR ANNA M. ROSENBERG WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOHN REED CLUB. EXPEDITE, SUTEL, SUREP IMMEDIATELY.

SCHEIDT

DETROIT ADVISED

HOLD PLS

CC Mr Rosen

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 20 13 741 P  
DIRECTOR URGENT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG JOHN REED CLUB,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY. ANNA CORNBATH MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE  
IDENTICAL WITH ANNA CORNBATH LEVIN, WHO WAS MARRIED TO EMANUEL  
LEVIN ON AUGUST SEVEN, THIRTY SEVEN AT NYC. EMANUEL LEVIN IS SUBJ  
OF PENDING INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C FILE THIS OFFICE. ON JUNE  
NINE, LAST, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT LEVIN WAS PROBABLY ENGAGED  
IN SOME SECRET TYPE OF WORK FOR CP AND THAT HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE  
CONTROL REVIEW COMMISSION AT THE NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS,  
NYC. [REDACTED] ADVISED ON JANUARY ELEVEN, LAST, THAT ANNA  
CORNBATH LEVIN WAS EMPLOYED BY THE IWO, NYC. MR. AND MRS. LEVIN  
RESIDE AT EIGHT NINE NAUGHT FOUR THIRTY FOURTH AVENUE, JACKSON HEIGHTS,  
NY. IN VIEW OF ABOVE NO INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH MRS. ANNA  
CORNBATH LEVIN UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY BUREAU.

SCHEIDT

HOLD 52 JAN 17 1951

RECORDED - 99  
EX-73

1126-486-182

JAN 4 1951

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 14 13 7-19 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB., SPECIAL INQUIRY. NELSON FRANK, LABOR WRITER FOR THE "NY WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN," COMMUNICATED WITH THIS OFFICE TODAY AND STATED HE HAD SOME INFO THAT MIGHT BE OF VALUE TO THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE. HE RELATED THAT HIS INFO PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED ISIDORE SCHNEIDER AND JAMES MC GRAW. WITH REFERENCE TO SCHNEIDER HE SAID THAT THE LATTER WORKED ON A SOVIET RUSSIAN MAGAZINE IN NINETEEN TWENTY AND CONTINUED TO WORK FOR SOVIET INTERESTS BUT DID NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CP UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY THREE OR THIRTY FOUR. SCHNEIDER AND HIS WIFE, HELEN, MADE A TRIP TO RUSSIA IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SIX AND SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER WITH VARIOUS SOVIET ENTERPRISES, PARTICULARLY IN THE NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE FIELD. HE HAS WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR "THE NATION," "NEW REPUBLIC," AND IS PRESENTLY ON THE MASTHEAD OF "SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY." DURING THE WORLD-S FAIR IN NYC, BEGINNING IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, SCHNEIDER HANDLED ALL THE PUBLICITY FOR THE RUSSIAN EXHIBIT. WITH REGARD TO JAMES MC GRAW, FRANK STATED MC GRAW, WHEN A SMALL CHILD, HAD GONE TO SPAIN AND SPENT SOME TIME THERE AND THAT MC GRAW PROBABLY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CP IN THE EARLY OR MIDDLE THIRTIES AND CONTINUED AS A COMMUNIST

END PAGE ONE

52 JAN 17 1951

RECORDED 66

126-486-183

PAGE TWO

UNTIL THE OUTBREAK OF THE SPANISH WAR. AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE SPANISH WAR, WHEN RUSSIA FAILED TO ASSIST THE LOYALISTS, MC GRAW BECAME INCENSED AND GAVE UP HIS INTEREST IN THE CP. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF THE HIGH POSITION HE HELD IN THE FEDERAL WRITERS PROJECT THE CP DID NOT SEE FIT TO EXPEL HIM FROM THE PARTY. FRANK BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE WRITERS PROJECT IN APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND LEARNED AT THAT TIME THAT MC GRAW HAD JUST RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. FRANK STATED THAT HE LEARNED OF MC GRAW-S DISILLUSIONMENT ABOUT THE SPANISH SITUATION FROM NICHOLAS MOSKOWITZ /PH/, WHO WAS EMPLOYED ON THE PROJECT UNDER THE NAME OF NICK WORTH. FRANK STATED THAT JAKE BAKER, AN ASSISTANT TO HARRY HOPKINS ON THE WPA, GAVE ALSBERG A JOB ON THE WRITERS PROJECT. ACCORDING TO FRANK, BAKER AND ALSBERG WERE BOTH ANARCHISTS. FRANK ALSO RELATED THAT HE KNEW ALSBERG WAS A HOMOSEXUAL AND THAT ALSBERG AND MC GRAW LIVED TOGETHER IN THIS RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME WHEN MC GRAW WAS MARRIED TO HIS PRESENT WIFE. ACCORDING TO FRANK, ORRIC JOHNS, DECEASED, WAS IN CHARGE OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT ON WHICH MC GRAW WORKED AND WAS, HIMSELF, A CP MEMBER. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE WRITTEN A BOOK, PROBABLY IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT OR THIRTY NINE, AND ALTHOUGH FRANK THINKS IT DOUBTFUL, HE RELATES THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT JOHNS MAY HAVE MENTIONED MC GRAW AND OTHERS IN THIS BOOK AS HAVING BEEN MEMBERS OF THE CP WHILE WORKING ON THE WRITERS PROJECT. FRANK STATED THAT HE ALSO KNEW [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WERE BOTH COMMUNISTS

END PAGE TWO



PAGE THREE

WHILE THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE [REDACTED] AND THEY WOULD HAVE  
DEFINITE INFO THAT MC GRAW UNQUESTIONABLY WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP.  
FRANK COULD NOT STATE ANY PARTICULAR CELL OR UNIT IN WHICH MC GRAW  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PARTY MEMBER BUT DID STATE THERE WAS A CELL IN  
THE WORKERS PROJECT AND IN ALL PROBABILITY MC GRAW, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
WOULD HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THIS PARTICULAR CELL.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

*cc: Mr. Rosen*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

WASH 56 BOSTON 2 FROM NEW YORK 13 10-00 P

DIRECTOR AND SAC; URGENT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

ATTENTION ... ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN.

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB., SPECIAL INQUIRY. RENVTEL DEC. TWELVE, FIFTY. FOR FURTHER INFO BOSTON OFFICE THIS CASE, [REDACTED] HAS STATED THAT IN LATE SUMMER, THIRTY FOUR, HE MET JAMES MC GRAW, AKA JAMES MAGRAW, AT HOME OF BRADLEY CUTLER IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, NYC. SAYS AT THAT TIME HE AND MC GRAW AND OTHERS WERE ATTENDING MARXIST STUDY GROUPS AT CUTLER-S HOME. SAYS THEREAFTER JAMES MC GRAW ASKED [REDACTED] TO JOIN CP AND [REDACTED] DID SO. NY HAS BEEN MAKING EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRADLEY CUTLER. [REDACTED] SAID BRADLEY CUTLER WAS MEMBER OF CP AT THAT TIME, IN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. RE BRADLEY CUTLER, RECORDS PROBATION OFFICE, NYC REFLECT BRADLEY CUTLER ARRESTED MAY FOURTEEN, FORTY FOR FORGERY OF GOVT CHECK. SAID ARREST MADE BY TREASURY DEPT. AT NYC. PROBATION RECORDS REFLECT BRADLEY CUTLER FURNISHED ADDRESS OF HIS BROTHER, JUDSON CUTLER, A STATISTICIAN RESIDING AT ONE ONE FIVE PETERBO ST., BOSTON, MASS. BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW JUDSON CUTLER TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY CUTLER IN ORDER THAT BRADLEY CUTLER MAY BE INTERVIEWED. SUTEL, SUREP.

52 JAN 17 1951

BS ACK AND DISC PLS WA HOLD FOR CONF WITH NK

BS NY R 2 BS JJD

EX-71

RECORDED - 74  
CHEIDT

126-486-184  
CC: Mr. Rosen

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 18 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 45 13 8-55P

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SI. FILES OF THIS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT WALTER WINCHELL HAS BEEN SUED BY BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN. FILES REFLECT HOWEVER THAT FREEDMAN BROUGHT LIBEL SUIT AGAINST NON SECTARIAN ANTI NAZI LEAGUE IN FORTY SEVEN FOR CHARACTER ASSASSINATION. MAGIS-TRATE-S COURT, NYC, DISMISSED LIBEL SUIT ON MAY TWENTY SIX, FORTY EIGHT. FILES OF "NEW YORK TIMES" MORGUE CONTAIN NO INFO REGARDING FREEDMAN SUING WALTER WINCHELL.

SCHEIDT

52 JAN 13 1951  
HOLD PLS

RECORDED - 74

cc Mr. [unclear] 100-486-185

JAN 1 1951

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

*Chas*

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>RP</i>
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

CONF WASHINGTON & WASH FIELD FROM NEW YORK 46 13 8-56P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

ATTN...ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB., SI. RE JAMES MC GRAW, AKA JAMES MAGRAW. [ ] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT A MAN NAMED H. RALPH BURTON, AN ATTORNEY WITH OFFICES IN WASH., DC, HAD ACTED AS LEGAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS /WOODRUM COMMITTEE/ ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, DURING INVESTIGATION AS TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ON WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, AT NY. [ ] SAYS BURTON SHOULD HAVE INFO RE CP MEMBERSHIP OF JAMES MC GRAW. [ ] INDICATED THAT AS RESULT OF JAMES MC GRAW-S TESTIMONY DURING SAID INVESTIGATION MC GRAW QUIT "UNDER FIRE" MC GRAW-S POSITION AT WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, NY. WFO WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW H. RALPH BURTON RE KNOWLEDGE OF CP MEMBERSHIP OR COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ON PART OF JAMES MC GRAW.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

TWO COPIES WFO 52 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 74

126-486-186

JAN 1 1951

11:00 pm - no action  
2B

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950  
TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	<i>[Signature]</i>

4710

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 22 13 7-45 P  
DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN  
REED CLUB., SI. UACB THIS OFFICE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE INTERVIEWING  
J. B. MATTHEWS.

SCHEIDT

HOLD PLS

52 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 74

126-486-187

JAN 4 1951

*[Handwritten initials]*

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DECEMBER 13, 1950

URGENT

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, BOSTON

126 486-188  
ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN  
JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REURTEL TODAY AND NEW YORK  
TEL TWELFTH INSTANT. INTERVIEW EASTMAN, DOS PASSOS AND HICKS  
AS REQUESTED. EXPEDITE. SUTEL AND SUREP.

HOOVER

126-486

CC - NEW YORK

RSP:IGE

NOTE: [ ] says Dos Passos and Eastman have turned against  
Communism and should be willing to furnish information.  
~~All~~ of above appeared on list of signers of John Reed  
Petition appearing in New York Times in 1930. Hicks was  
named by Edward Dahlberg as having been a John Reed Club  
member. New York, by teletype 12-11-50, advised that  
Victor Laskey had informed them that Hicks had been an  
organizer of the John Reed Club but had told him he did  
not know Anna Rosenberg.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

RECEIVED RECORDS ROOM  
DEC 13-7 45 PM '50  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

52 JAN 13 1951

SENT VIA

7-098M

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON 1 NEW YORK 1 FROM BOSTON 13 10-43 AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE NY TEL DECEMBER TWELVE LAST. NO ACTION BY THIS OFFICE RE LEADS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE UNTIL AUTHORITY FOR SAME RECEIVED FROM BUREAU.

THORNTON

END AND ACK

KKOWA THIS BS SORRY

BS R 1 WA JAK

BS R1 NY DW

DISC

RECORDED - 74

126-486-188

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

*[Handwritten signature]*  
TELETYPE

BOSTON 14 FROM WASH DC 13 9-09 PM

SAC U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN  
JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REURTEL TODAY AND NEW YORK  
TEL TWELFTH INSTANT. INTERVIEW EASTMAN, DOS PASSOS AND HICKS  
AS REQUESTED. EXPEDITE. SUTEL AND SUREP.

HOOVER

HOLD



BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC-150

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 13, 1950 URGENT

Transmit the following message to: SAC NEW YORK  
WASHINGTON FIELD

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE NEW YORK TEL TWELFTH INSTANT. LISTON OAK SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN ANNA ROSENBERG AND FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD AND ALSO CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES MAGRAW. ALSO FURNISH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TO HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH LOUELLA HENKLE NOT ONLY CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN ANNA ROSENBERG BUT ALSO CONCERNING MAGRAW'S ALLEGED AFFILIATIONS AS [ ] HAS STATED THAT HENKLE ATTENDED CP MEETINGS WITH MAGRAW. SHE SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO COMMENT CONCERNING HER OWN AFFILIATIONS. MIKE GOLD AND SENDER CARLIN SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT PRESENT.

WASHINGTON FIELD: INTERVIEW RUTH CRAWFORD IN KEEPING WITH REFTTEL. [ ] HAS STATED THAT SHE ATTENDED CP MEETINGS WITH MAGRAW. SHE SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS ALLEGATION. EXPEDITE SUTEL AND SUREP.

HOOVER

126-486

Tolson RSP:MMH

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Note: There has been no specific indication that Carlin would know Rosenberg. Gold is alleged to be presently associated with the Daily Worker.

RECORDED - 99

126-486-189

SENT VIA

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 18 1950

TELETYPE

NEW YORK FROM WASH 69 13 10-08 PM

SAC, U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE NEW YORK TEL TWELFTH INSTANT. LISTON OAK SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN ANNA ROSENBERG AND FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD AND ALSO CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES MAGRAW. ALSO FURNISH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES, TO HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH LOUELLA HENKLE NOT ONLY CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN ANNA ROSENBERG BUT ALSO CONCERNING MAGRAW-S ALLEGED AFFILIATIONS AS [ ] HAS STATED THAT HENKLE ATTENDED CP MEETINGS WITH MAGRAW. SHE SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO COMMENT CONCERNING HER OWN AFFILIATIONS. MIKE GOLD AND SENDER GARLIN SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT PRESENT.

WASHINGTON FIELD-- INTERVIEW RUTH CRAWFORD IN KEEPING WITH REFTL.

[ ] HAS STATED THAT SHE ATTENDED CP MEETINGS WITH MAGRAW. SHE SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS ALLEGATION. EXPEDITE SUTEL AND SUREP.

HOOVER

MEND

WA R-69 NY ECJM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen *[initials]*  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*2/3*  
 144496 11/21/01  
 DECLASSIFIED BY *SP2ALMKE*  
 ON 11/21/01

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

**CONFIDENTIAL**

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
 AND FIELD OFFICES  
 ADVISED BY ROUTING  
 SLIP (S) OF *1055*  
 DATE *11/17/79*

WASH AND WASH FIELD 2 AND NEW YORK 1 FROM CHICAGO 13 11-28AM NAW  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC-S U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE KCMO TEL DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND MYTEL DECEMBER TWELVE LAST. CGO FIFTEEN ADVISED INFO GIVEN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BY WITNESS [ ] AS TO JOHN REED CLUB IN THIRTIES ACCURATE BUT INFORMANT HAS NO INFO RE MRS. ROSENBERG AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES DO NOT KNOW OF HER. WFO REQUESTED TO CONTACT

[ ] ALL OF WHOM FORMERLY IN CHICAGO. FOR THEIR INFO RE KCMO TEL ADVISED [ ] FORMER INFORMANT WHOSE IDENTITY SHOULD BE PROTECTED, REPORTED SHE REMEMBERS HEARING NAME ANNA ROSENBERG, A WRITER AND SOCIAL WORKER IN NY, MENTIONED IN COMMUNIST CIRCLES IN CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO BUT COULD NOT GIVE SPECIFIC INSTANCES. NO DATES FURNISHED. KCMO REQUESTED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES BE CONTACTED. BUREAU INSTRUCTS SETTING OUT NECESSARY LEADS BY TEL. SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU, NY ORIGIN. FOR INFO BUREAU, NY AND NEW HAVEN ON DECEMBER NINE LAST [ ]

RECORDED - 99 126486/170

[ ] ADVISED HER

[ ] WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MRS. ROSENBERG

55 JAN 15 1951  
 END PAGE ONE

TWO COPIES **CONFIDENTIAL**

*cc - [unclear]* *Trans. To New York*

Classified by 1250  
 Exempt from GDS, Category 1  
 Date of Declassification Indefinite  
*98/10/23/78*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE TWO

IN THE THIRTIES BUT [ ] HAD NO DEROGATORY INFO. REQUESTED HER NAME  
BE CONFIDENTIALLY MAINTAINED. [ ] RESIDES WITH WEALTHY FAMILY NAMED  
[ ]

MC SWAIN

NH AND MM TO BE ADVISED

END. ACK<sup>11</sup><sub>44</sub>

CG R 2 WA EM ALSO RELAY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JUSTICE  
SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH 3 AND NY 1 FROM PHILA 12-13-50

1049 AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC.. U R G E N T

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. IT HAS BEEN NOTED BY THIS OFFICE THAT ELIZABETH DILLING-S BOOK "THE RED NETWORK", ON PAGE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT, LISTS AN ANNA ROSENBERG AS SIGNING THE JOHN REED CLUB PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-RED PROPAGANDA. THIS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE NY TIMES OF MAY NINETEEN, THIRTY. THIS IS BEING FURNISHED FOR THE INFO OF THE BUREAU AND NYO IN EVENT THAT THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DEVELOPED THIS INFO.

CORNELIUS

END

WA K PH R 3 WA JAK AND ALSO RELY TO SL

NY PH R1 NY DW

DSC

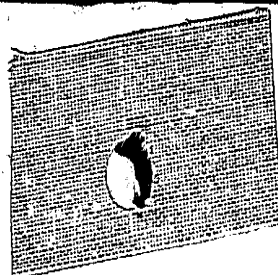
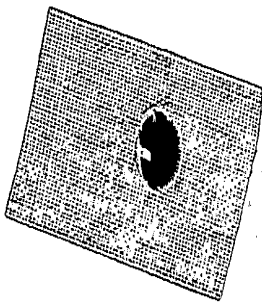
59 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED - 99

126-486-191  
JAN 4 1951

W-13

11:00 pm - no action  
B



RECEIVED  
JAN 13 1951  
TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*Carson*

WA 12 NY 5 FROM BALTIMORE 13 8-28 PM

BUREAU AND NEW YORK

DEFERRED

ALLEGATION OF ALLEDGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE BALTO TEL. DECEMBER TWELVE WHICH CONTAINS AN INCORRECT REFERENCE. THE REFERENCE, QUOTE, RE MY TEL NOVEMBER SEVEN, UNQUOTE, SHOULD BE, QUOTE, RENTEL DECEMBER SEVEN UNQUOTE.

CARSON

END

WA ACK PLS

WA BA R 12 WA CW

NY BS R-5 NYC ECJM

BOTH DISC PLS

RECORDED - 65-26-486-192  
JAN 4 1951  
EX-73

65 JAN 15 1951

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Misc Gandy	_____

3/3  
B  
FBI, CLEVELAND 12-13-50 5-58 PM EST

GRD

DIRECTOR AND SAC-S NEW YORK AND BUFFALO

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY. MRS. ADELIA BURT, FIFTY NINE BENNETT VILLAGE TERRACE,  
BOX FOURTEEN, BUFFALO ON DEC. TEN LAST TOLD WILLARD COOK, CLEVELAND,  
FATHER IN LAW OF SA DAVID A. WIBLE, CLEVELAND DIV., THAT UPON READING  
NEWSPAPERS SHE RECALLED ANNA ROSENBERG AS BEING A PATIENT OF DR.  
EDWARD BECK, BUFFALO, IN WHOSE OFFICE MRS. BURT WAS EMPLOYED DURING  
NINETEEN THIRTIES. MRS. BURT STATED REMARKS MADE BY ANNA ROSENBERG  
WERE SO DEROGATORY TO U. S. GOVERNMENT THAT SHE FELT AT TIME ANNA  
ROSENBERG WAS A COMMUNIST. WHETHER MRS. BURT HAS FURTHER BASIS FOR  
THIS OR CAN PROVIDE LEADS NOT KNOWN. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF CASE  
SUGGESTED MRS. BURT BE INTERVIEWED. BUREAU REQUESTS LEADS COVERED  
IMMEDIATELY AND SUBMISSION OF TEL SUMMARIES AND REPORTS IMMEDIATELY  
THEREAFTER. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

ABBATICCHIO

END

M5-01 PM OK FBI WA HK

OK FBI BU ACP

OK OK FBI NYC ECJM

D 52 JAN 13 1951

EX-73

RECORDED 56

126-486-193  
JAN 4 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
 SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG

DATE: Dec. 13, 1950

Tolson ✓  
 Ladd ✓  
 Clegg ✓  
 Glavin ✓  
 Nichols ✓  
 Rosen ✓  
 Tracy ✓  
 Harbo ✓  
 Belmont ✓  
 Mohr ✓  
 Tele. Room  
 Nease  
 Gandy

Morris Ernst called. Mrs. Ralph Toledano has just been in to see him. She is very much concerned about the Anna Rosenberg case and feels that all of her evidence is not being investigated.

She states, for example, she has spoken to Fred Woltman who told her Jim Magraw was a Communist although Magraw has denied before the Committee that he was.

She further states that Agent Sherman of the New York Office has talked to her but she feels all of her information is not being laid before the Committee.

Ernst thought even though we had talked to her before it might be well to talk to her again and take a signed statement which would stop her from saying all of her information was not reported.

It seems to me that it might have some merit if she is going around talking and you might wish to give this consideration.

LBN:FML

CC - Mr. Ladd

RECORDED - 74

EX-71

126-486-194  
JAN 4 1951

JAN 7 1951



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1950

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASH 17 BALTI 3 FROM NEW YORK 13 7-30 P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC, URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN.

MRS. RALPH TOLODONO, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT ON THE EVENING OF DEC. TWELVE, SHE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AT WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, AND THAT CHAMBERS INFORMED HER THAT HELEN AND PERCY WINNER /APPARENTLY WINNER-S FIRST HUSBAND/ HAD BEEN IN THE COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND. CHAMBERS WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED THAT HE LEARNED THIS THROUGH VALINTIN MARKIN, DECEASED, A FORMER SOVIET AGENT WHO HAD ASKED CHAMBERS IF HE KNEW THE IDENTITY OF HELEN AND PERCY WINNER. SHE ALSO RELATED THAT A FEW NIGHTS AGO HER HUSBAND, RALPH TOLODONO, HAD VISITED [REDACTED] AND DURING THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION [REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO ONLY HEARD ONE PART OF THE CONVERSATION, STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION, THAT [REDACTED] WAS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE [REDACTED] RETRACT HIS ORIGINAL ALLEGATION BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT MIGHT DO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPUTATION. TOLODONO STATED THAT HE

END OF PAGE ONE

60 JAN 10 1951

EX - 14

RECORDED - 99

126-486195

PAGE TWO

KNOWS THAT [ ] HAS A RATHER [ ]  
AND THIS WAS PROBABLY THE REASON SHE WAS, IF IT WAS A FACT, ATTEMPTING  
TO HAVE [ ] RETRACT HIS ORIGINAL ALLEGATION. MRS. TOLODONO  
ALSO STATED THAT SINCE THE RECENT NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON [ ]  
CREDITABILITY, HE WAS "IN A HORRIBLE SITUATION", AND THAT SHE,  
MRS. TOLODONO, WAS GOING TO SEE MORRIS ERNST IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE  
ERNST REPRESENT HIM AND SEEK ADVICE RELATIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF  
[ ] MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN DEFENSE OF HIMSELF. LATER MRS.  
TOLODONO CALLED AND RELATED SHE HAD TALKED WITH MORRIS ERNST AND ERNST  
IS ALLEGED TO HAVE INFORMED HER THAT HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT ALL  
OF THE FACTS IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE BROUGHT OUT PUBLICLY OR BEFORE  
A COMMITTEE, AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO SEE  
THAT THIS WAS DONE.

SCHEIDT

WA ACK AND DISC PLS BA HOLD

WA NY R 17 WA MIM

CC: Mrs. Rosen

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *Sh*  
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*  
 SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: December 13, 1950

Call: 8:50 A.M.

Tolson *34*  
 Ladd *34*  
 Clegg  
 Glavin  
 Nichols  
 Rosen *34*  
 Tracy  
 Harbo  
 Belmont  
 Mohr  
 Tele. Room  
 Nease  
 Gandy

I received a telephone call from [redacted] an employee of the [redacted] who has been subpoenaed to testify at Mrs. Rosenberg's hearing this morning. [redacted] wanted to know the address of one Bob Morris. I informed him I did not know Morris and [redacted] then proceeded to state that he was [redacted] who had been an [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that Matthews had testified that he, [redacted] knew Anna Rosenberg and knew her to be a Communist. He said Matthews has "got me in the wringer" as I know nothing whatsoever concerning Anna Rosenberg or her affiliations. He inquired as to what he should do. I stated that the only thing he could do was to tell the truth.

[redacted] stated he would get in touch with me as soon as he had completed his testimony before the Committee.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None. Informative.

LRP:DC

RECORDED - 74

64 - GENERAL

126-486-196

52 JAN 13 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : V. P. Keenan *VPK*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG *(3)*

DATE: December 13, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen *AB*

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

As a matter of information and for record purposes, please be advised that former Agent George Starr as of this date can be located at 1560 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephone number UN 3-0230

Mr. Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, had requested the whereabouts of George Starr, and the above information was transmitted to his office.

*Baumgardner*  
*Calahan*

MJL:lw lw

*MJL*

RECORDED - 66

126-486-197

JAN 4 1951

EX-73

MAR 6 1951

213

*THREE*

*per [unclear] [unclear]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 13, 1950

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS BROADCAST  
12-13-50, 7:00 P.M.  
RADIO STATION WEAM

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Lewis stated that the Senate Armed Services Committee continued their inquiry to determine whether Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg was a Member of the Communist Party in the 1930's. He indicated that the allegation of [redacted] to this effect has not been resolved; in fact there was no evidence produced to either prove or disprove the allegation.

Members of the Committee apparently are impressed by the denial of a witness before the committee that he had not been a Member of the Communist Party and had not introduced Mrs. Rosenberg to [redacted]. This witness stated that his only contact with [redacted] was at a time when [redacted] was on a [redacted] in New York City.

Mr. Lewis indicated that an intensive search is being conducted for another Mrs. Rosenberg who might have been confused with Mrs. Anna Rosenberg. This search has not been productive. He continued by saying that the FBI, since the disclosure of the [redacted] story, has conducted search of its files and turned over any pertinent information to the committee. There has been no clue, however, concerning "The other woman."

It was revealed that Mrs. Rosenberg has requested the New York Post Office to furnish information concerning other Anna Rosenbergs who resided in New York City during the pertinent period. It was disclosed that there were forty-four with similar names in the city.

Lewis' check of 1937, New York Telephone Directory disclosed that there were only eight listings in the five boroughs of New York City and only one Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg; none of these persons resided on 6th Avenue.

In conclusion, Mr. Lewis pointed out that the Armed Services Committee intends to fully investigate the matter in order that the situation can be clarified. If [redacted] story proves to be untrue, it is the feeling of the committee that some punishment should be meted out to [redacted] in order to protect innocent individuals from unwarranted attacks in the future.

ROK:bp:hc

52 JAN 13 1951

cc: Security Division

RECORDED - 74  
12-74126-486-198  
JAN 4 1951

ADDENDUM: 12-16-50. Mr. Lewis also related an incident which occurred at the Sulgrave Club on the evening of December 12, 1950. It appears that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy while seated at his table at the Club with a group of friends was approached by Drew Pearson. The conversation with took place between them is unknown but almost immediately after Pearson's approach Senator McCarthy "took a swing" at Pearson and according to some eye witnesses "lifted Pearson about three feet off the floor" by the blow. Mr. Lewis stated that he inquired of Senator McCarthy as to what Pearson had said to him but received a no comment reply.

ROK:ok

~~Confidential~~

~~Personal~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

If this Anna Rosenberg was a member of the "Barnard College Unit of Femerettes" (Womens Sand Army) at New Bedford, New York, in 1917 - then she is a "Revolutionist, etc."

The Unit was under the direction of Dr. Oglivy (OGLIVY) and Miss George - and pictures of the group were printed in the New York Mirror & News and a special <sup>Sunday</sup> edition of the Boston paper and in a number of the Ladies Home Journal - So there were lots of pictures - (I was the little dietitian in white overalls.)

At the meal hour this particle woman would sit with her friends, most of whom were Columbia students with tortoise-shell pinnet glasses and discuss how to set up new forms of government after having a revolution - All "progressives" could not start till after the revolution. "But first you have to have the Revolution" she would interrupt the students. At the time one week-end that winter she and that group held their own private meeting - The rest of us thought them crack-pots and stayed away from them generally.

52 JAN 13 1951

RECORDED  
INDEXED  
74  
74  
26-486-199



## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

---



YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO:



Once I sat opposite them at the table and when I heard the conversation about not being able to do anything until after the Revolution - I spoke up and said something about our affairs in 1776 - The sickening look I got from one of the girls with the big glasses shut me up and embarrassed me so that I quickly finished my meal - But that is what has made all this remain in my memory - If this is that woman, then she is the Grandmother of revolutionary movements in this country. All during these years she must have enough Columbia students etc., to organize her "program" in the Defense Dept, and set them up all through the country.

"Scientific Gardener of Revolution" is the real slogan and purpose of her life -

Always sincerely,

Elizabeth Young.

P.S. Please do not answer this letter.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION



YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO:

RECEIVED FBI

DEC 15 2 50 PM '50

SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION

F. B. I.

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

*Personal*

*Personal*

### *People to Watch*

**T**here are no plans to draft women." That was the emphatic statement of Pentagon planners to PEOPLE TODAY regarding the multiplying rumors. The whispers became headlines last month when a woman, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, was appointed Asst. Secy. of Defense. Despite the denials, Annie (5'3") bears

watching as top woman in government. Mrs. Rosenberg wanted to be a "scientific gardener," wound up with man-sized jobs: as regional director of NRA, SSB, WMC. Gen. Marshall's letter offering the post "surprised" her. "If it was anybody else I would have said no." Her No. 1 task: manpower for defense.



ENCLOSURE

126-486 199

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 100-13812

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 12/13/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/8,9,12/50	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS X. JAHN	hrh
TITLE ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informant BA T-1, [ ] has known [ ] At that time T-1 made inquiry at New York City concerning W.P.A. Project workers alleged to be CP members. [ ] had already appeared before the Dies Committee as a confessed former CP member and T-1 utilized information [ ] gave him in response to his inquiries. BA T-1 says he found [ ] and the information he furnished to be very reliable. [ ] T-1 has read newspaper accounts of [ ] current testimony before Congressional Committee and T-1 comments, "Knowing [ ] as I do, I would give full credence to what he says." BA T-1 is not personally acquainted with ANNA M. ROSENBERG and has never discussed her, the John Reed Club, nor JAMES MAGRAW with [ ]. Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised that ANNA M. ROSENBERG is unknown to them, and they can recall no member of the John Reed Club named ANNA ROSENBERG during the period they were members of that club.

- RUC -

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>St. Carson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>AK</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 126-486-200		RECORDED - 74 INDEXED - 74
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 3 - New York 1 - Washington Field (Info) 2 - Baltimore		RECEIVED DEC 15 1950		

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

BA 100-13812

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant BA T-1, of unknown reliability, is a [redacted] He was previously employed from [redacted]

[redacted] BA T-1 had occasion in connection with [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] In the course of the inquiry, BA T-1 met [redacted] for the first time. [redacted] was not under investigation by BA T-1, but [redacted] was known to BA T-1 as a [redacted] who had [redacted]  
BA T-1 called on [redacted] for information, reasoning that [redacted]  
[redacted] BA T-1 says [redacted] was very helpful to him and the information he furnished checked out to be very reliable.

T-1 does not know ANNA M. ROSENBERG personally. He does not recall having ever discussed the John Reed Club, JAMES MAGRAW, nor ANNA M. ROSENBERG with [redacted]. He does not know JAMES MAGRAW but he has a recollection a person by this name was employed on the Writers Project. He recalls no allegation reaching him that MAGRAW was or was not a member of the Communist Party nor of the John Reed Club. BA T-1 did not investigate the John Reed Club and knows no members of this club.

BA T-1, when interviewed, had already read published newspaper accounts of [redacted] appearance before a Congressional Committee conducting hearings in the captioned matter. Concerning these published accounts, T-1 commented, [redacted]

[redacted] BA T-1 went on to describe [redacted] as one who, [redacted] like WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, has persisted in telling the truth." BA T-1 stated he was unwilling to give a written statement or to appear as a witness in any proceedings, and he stated he wanted his identity to be kept confidential.

Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Westminster, Maryland, interviewed by Special Agents JOSEPH C. TRAINOR and PAUL D. EARNEST on December 8, 1950 and on December 12, 1950, were shown a photograph of ANNA M. ROSENBERG which appeared in a book entitled "Current Biographies," and they advised that ANNA M. ROSENBERG is completely unknown to them.

Mr. CHAMBERS, a self-admitted former Soviet espionage courier, advised that he was a member of the John Reed Club in New York for only

BA 100-13812

about one year from 1931 to about June, 1932, after which he went into the "underground" and had no further contact with the John Reed Club. He stated that during the time of his membership in the club he attended very few meetings and does not recall any member of the club named JAMES MAGRAW as mentioned by [REDACTED] CHAMBERS further advised that he does not recall any Communist Party member named JAMES MAGRAW. Mr. CHAMBERS pointed out during the period of his membership in the John Reed Club a person did not necessarily have to be a member of the Communist Party to belong to the John Reed Club. He stated, however, that the Communist Party did dominate and control the club.

Mr. CHAMBERS advised that he does not know [REDACTED] personally, never having seen him. Mrs. CHAMBERS likewise advised that she does not know JAMES MAGRAW or [REDACTED] She stated that she, of course, has heard of [REDACTED] but has never met him personally.

Mrs. CHAMBERS was reinterviewed on December 12, 1950 concerning a list of names of members of the John Reed Club, which included her maiden name, ESTHER SHEMITZ and the name of one ANNA ROSENBERG, which appeared in the May 19, 1930 issue of the New York Times. Mrs. CHAMBERS recalled that in the early 30's her name ESTHER SHEMITZ did appear in the New York Times in a list of John Reed Club members in connection with some sort of protest, but she stated that her name was included in that list without her consent actually having been requested. She stated that this was not an uncommon practice. Mrs. CHAMBERS explained that the fact that her name was included in the same list with one ANNA ROSENBERG would not necessarily mean that she knew an individual of that name. Mrs. CHAMBERS was asked if she recalls an incident which occurred in Trenton, New Jersey in July of 1930 in which one ANNA ROSENBERG, an unknown writer or authoress, and possibly one JOHN SODERBERG, were arrested by the Trenton, N.J. Police. The arrests were believed to have occurred as the result of trouble at an election rally in Trenton. Mrs. CHAMBERS advised that she does not recall this incident. Mrs. CHAMBERS recalled that she herself was involved in an incident in Passaic, New Jersey during the time of the Passaic strikes. She said, however, that this occurred in about 1924 long before the above-described incident involving one ANNA ROSENBERG.

Mrs. CHAMBERS stated that she has given this matter considerable thought and she is positive that she has never known an individual by the name of ANNA ROSENBERG, who was a member of the John Reed Club. She said that as a matter of fact she does not know any person by that name. Mrs. CHAMBERS explained that her own membership in the John Reed Club

BA 100-13812

covered a period of approximately two years beginning in about 1928 or 1929 and ending at the time she married Mr. CHAMBERS in 1931. She stated that she discontinued her membership in the club at that time and had no further connection with it. She further advised that during the time she was a member she was employed at AMTORG and because of this employment, was not permitted to participate in open affairs of the Communist Party or the John Reed Club. She stated that this more or less limited her contact with other members of the club. Mrs. CHAMBERS further explained that the John Reed Club was divided into two groups, one group consisting of artists and the other of writers. She said that the two groups did not usually mix except in general meetings, and therefore, she was not too well acquainted with the writers who belonged to the Club. Therefore, she stated, if the ANNA ROSENBERG described as an unknown writer or authoress were a member of the club, she in all probability would have been with the writers group, the group with which she, Mrs. CHAMBERS, had little contact.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

T-1 advised that the only person known to him who might give additional information in this matter was STEPHEN NAFT, who was associated in the Writers Project, W.P.A. with [redacted] He said NAFT now resides 2042 Crescent Street, Long Island City 5, New York, Telephone Astoria 4-4246. He described NAFT as a former Tass New Agency representative in South America for many years. He commented that NAFT was from Europe and must have been a Communist there in order to get the Tass job.

This information with respect to NAFT was included in teletype from Baltimore, 12/9/50, and the Bureau was requested to instruct the New York Office if interview with NAFT was desired.

T-1 explained that in the fall of 1940 W.P.A. was confronted with the problem of having 300 project workers in various projects in the New York area under suspension for being suspected of Communist Party membership. W.P.A. investigative division at the time was not adequately staffed, and he, JACOBSON, was sent to New York City to personally interview these 300 workers and to make recommendations as to whether they should remain suspended or should be put back on the rolls pending further investigation. T-1 commented he had to remember all he could about Communism at the time because he was "pretty green" on the subject. He contacted many persons in New York City for information to equip himself for the contemplated interviews, and in this connection, he contacted DeSOLA.

The interview of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS on December 12 was based on information reflected in New York teletype to the Bureau, Newark and Baltimore, dated December 11, 1950 and also on information furnished to Baltimore by telephone from SA THOMAS McANDREW, New York Office on December 12, 1950. SA McANDREW furnished a representative list of names of persons included in a list which appeared in the May 19, 1930 issue of the New York Times, and also advised that it is believed that Mrs. CHAMBERS had been involved in an incident in Passaic, New Jersey about the same time that one ANNA ROSENBERG was arrested at Trenton, New Jersey in 1930, as reflected in the investigative section of this report. The incident in which Mrs. CHAMBERS was involved in Passaic occurred in about 1924.

The list of names furnished by the New York Office was made available to Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS and while they recognized many of the names, they still could furnish no information nor identify the individual



ADMINISTRATIVE

named ANNA ROSENBERG, mentioned therein. Mr. CHAMBERS, on the occasion of the first interview, suggested as possible sources of information regarding ANNA ROSENBERG'S alleged membership in the John Reed Club, the following persons:

GRACE LUMPKIN, who was employed at Calvary Episcopal Church,  
Gramercy Park, New York City;  
MAX YERGAN, New York City, exact address unknown;  
RALPH DeTOLEDANO, who is known to the New York Office.

CHAMBERS stated that DeTOLEDANO may be helpful in furnishing names of other individuals who could possibly supply pertinent information.

At the time of the second interview, Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS reiterated their belief that GRACE LUMPKIN may be an excellent source of information in regard to this matter, inasmuch as she belonged to the writers group of the John Reed Club and would therefore have been in a better position to meet the ANNA ROSENBERG described in the New York teletype of December 11 as an unknown writer or authoress.

The results of the interviews of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS were furnished to the Bureau and New York by teletypes, dated December 7 and December 12, 1950 with the request that the Bureau advise New York if interviews with YERGAN, LUMPKIN and DeTOLEDANO were desired.

*Handwritten:* GRACE LUMPKIN

BA 100-13812

LEADS

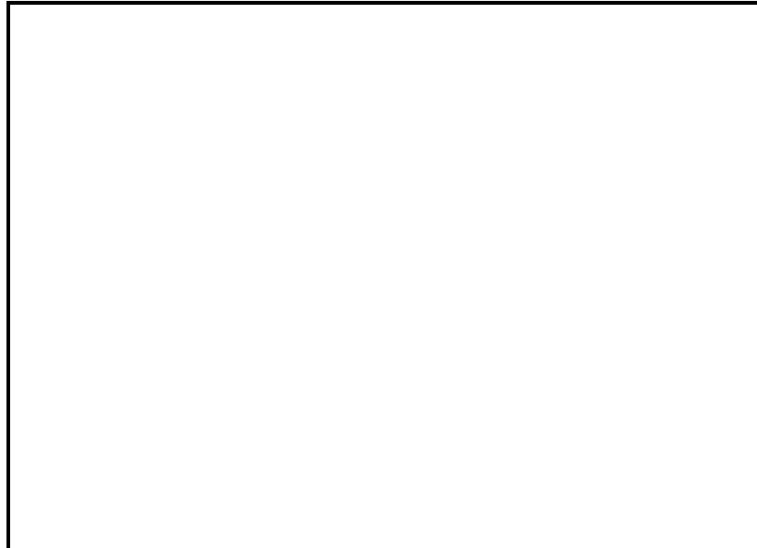
WASHINGTON FIELD

A copy of this report is being furnished for your information to be available in the event the Bureau directs further leads in this matter to your office.

BA 100-13812

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

T-1



REFERENCE:

New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore, dated 12/8/50.

Teletype from Baltimore to Director, New York and Washington Field, dated 12/9/50.

Nytel to Bureau and Balto. 12/7/50

Baltotel to Bureau and New York 12/7/50

New York Tel to Bureau, Balto. and Newark, 12/11/50

Baltotel to Bureau and New York, 12/12/50

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: December 14, 1950

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *WPK*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen ☒  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Marr Leva, Assistant Secretary of Defense, advised Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section that Benjamin Freedman has now taken "about face" concerning Anna Rosenberg. Mr. Leva stated that Freedman was going to take a full-page ad in the "New York Herald Tribune" offering a reward of ten thousand dollars for information that would clear Anna Rosenberg. According to Leva, this ad is also to have a plea suggesting that the Anna Rosenberg, who is a Communist Party member and a member of the John Reed Club, come forward and identify herself.

This is being made a matter of record and is for your information.

*WPK*  
 WPK:hke

RECORDED - 7  
 INDEXED - 7

126-486-201  
 JAN 4 1951

EX-37

52 JAN 13 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

DATE: December 14, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Belmont \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, called Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section at his home and stated the Committee was desirous of the Bureau to locate and interview at least two more people.

He stated that Senator Byrd had informed the Committee that the wife of retired General Kimberland is alleged to know something concerning Anna Rosenberg. Larkin continued by stating that the telephone book did not indicate that the General or Mrs. Kimberland reside in Washington, D.C., although they have an address of 1619 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., but that the Committee had been informed that Mrs. Kimberland is or was a lawyer.

According to Larkin, Senator Frear had informed the Committee that Frances Newman, wife of Brigadier General Newman, is alleged to know something of Anna Rosenberg. According to the Committee, Frances Newman was formerly secretary of Hugh Johnson at the time Anna Rosenberg was assistant to Hugh Johnson.

The Liaison Section is attempting to locate through the Army the whereabouts of the above two people. This matter has been referred to Division Six for appropriate action.

MJL:hke

ADDENDUM: 12/14/50

Mr. Reynolds of the Liaison Section ascertained that the Army records reflect that a Major General James B. Newman, U.S. Air Force, retired in August, 1950, and that he now resides at the Wardman Park Hotel, Apartment 101-K. There is no Army record of any General named Kimberland.

MJL:hke

RECORDED - 99

INDEXED - 99

JAN 4 1951

65 JAN 15 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: December 14, 1950

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB**AB* SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to previous memorandum concerning the desires of the Senate Arms Services Committee in that they requested the wives of Generals Kimberland and Newman be interviewed.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Felix Larkin and informed him that the records of the Army failed to reveal that there was ever a General Kimberland in the Army and, unless the Committee could furnish more identifying data concerning Mrs. Kimberland, the Bureau was making no further effort to locate and interview her. Mr. Larkin agreed and stated he would discuss this matter, and when further information was received, he would advise Mr. Lynch.

After the Senate Arms Services Committee ruled on the case of Anna Rosenberg, Mr. Larkin advised he did not desire the Kimberland matter investigated further.

*ML:hke**npk*

RECORDED - 99

126-486-203  
JAN 4 1951

59 JAN 13 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *sh*  
 FROM : Mr. Rosen *sh*

DATE: December 14, 1950

*nb* SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
 ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB  
 SPECIAL INQUIRY

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen *sh* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. G. C. Callan received a telephone call at approximately 11:45 a.m. from Assistant Special Agent in Charge Stein, of the New York Office, who advised that the New York World Telegram of today contains an article written by Fred Woltman, the Scripps-Howard Journalist who has specialized in Communist matters, which recited Woltman had interviewed Benjamin Freedman. Freedman, it will be recalled, is the anti-Semitist and professional patriot who first approached the Armed Services Committee of the Senate with the story that [ ] was willing to testify that Anna M. Rosenberg had been a member of the Communist Party and that DeSola had seen her at meetings of the John Reed Club. According to this article Freedman now states that he would be willing to post \$10,000 cash in order to clear Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg of this "dastardly accusation." He was also quoted by Woltman as having stated that he intended to take out a full page ad in the World Telegram and Sun and therein to offer a reward to anyone who would produce this "other Anna Rosenberg." Woltman quoted Freedman as stating that he wanted to appeal to this woman to please come forward and clear Mrs. Rosenberg. He also quoted Freedman as winding up by saying "It is disgraceful that the FBI has not produced this other woman."

Mr. Stein stated that the article would probably appear in all Scripps-Howard newspapers.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None. This is submitted for your information. Stein advised that they would closely follow the press and immediately report the appearance of any advertising or subsequent articles dealing with this subject.

GCC:EHC

RECORDED  
 INDEXED - 99

126-486-2480 *sh*  
 JAN 4 1951  
 6 *sh*

59 JAN 13 1951

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN  
 FROM : I. E. NICKOLS  
 SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG  
 SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 14, 1950  
 Time of call 10:30 P.M.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE:

To advise you of information received from Washington Field Office concerning Dr. Majorie Shearon editor of "Challenge To Socialism", who called Washington Field Office offering to make available to the Bureau an advance copy of her paper containing the full testimony given by her before the Armed Services Committee of the U. S. Senate on December 12, 1950.

DETAILS:

The Washington Field Office advised that Dr. Majorie Shearon who resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland and is editor of "Challenge to Socialism", called to inform the Bureau that in the issue of her paper, which is presently in the mail for distribution tomorrow, she is publishing in full the testimony she gave before the Armed Services Committee of the U. S. Senate on December 12, 1950 concerning Anna M. Rosenberg. She explained that she wants to make available to the Bureau an advance copy of this paper containing her testimony and thought it might be of some value. She indicated that she would be willing to meet an Agent and give the paper to him tonight, if desired. She explained, however, that there was nothing additional in this article which was not also given to the Armed Services Committee in her testimony before that group.

It was ascertained from the supervisor handling this case that Dr. Shearon was unable to give any definite information in her testimony before the Armed Services Committee but it was thought the Washington Field Office should make arrangements to obtain an issue of the above paper.

ACTION:

Washington Field Office was instructed to obtain a copy of this paper from Dr. Shearon and immediately make it available to the Bureau.

IEN:jlw

RECORDED - 99

INDEXED - 99

59 JAN 13 1951

126-486-205  
 JAN 4 1951

EX. 14



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG *Wef*

DATE: December 14, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*JB*  
*JB*

Mr. Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, telephonically advised Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section that the Senate Arms Services Committee had unanimously rejected all charges against Anna Rosenberg. Larkin stated that the Committee ruled that the charges against Anna Rosenberg were completely without foundation.

Mr. Larkin stated that the approval for the appointment of Anna Rosenberg will be brought up on the Senate Floor Monday, at which time it is anticipated that her appointment will be approved by the full Senate body.

*Wef*  
*Wef*  
 Wef

RECORDED - 99

126-486-206

JAN 4 1951

EX-11

59 JAN 13 1951

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 14, 1950

FROM : V. P. Keary *VPK*

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen *[initials]*  
Tracy *[initials]*  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Colonel John Middleton, G-2, advised Mr. Reynolds that a John F. Kane, Room 2E. 646, The Pentagon, telephone extension 71440, advised him that he had been advised by a source who had learned from a third party that on two occasions in the last several years, he had business dealings with the above-captioned individual. This unidentified third party is alleged to have stated that Mrs. Rosenberg in the settlement of two strikes worked closely with certain Communists.

Colonel Middleton said that he had no additional information regarding this matter but had learned that Mr. Kane would have no objection to being interviewed by representatives of the Bureau and would furnish whatever assistance possible.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that an Agent of the Washington Field Office contact Mr. Kane and procure the information desired.

SWR:pjb *[signature]*

*Refer WFO  
12-15-50  
[initials]*

RECORDED - 66

INDEXED - 66

126-486-207  
JAN 4 1951

52 JAN 13 1951

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED  
CLUB; SPECIAL INQUIRY

49772

There is transmitted herewith a corrected page 49 of the report of Special Agent James P. Martin dated 12-13-50. Page 50 of this report has been deleted.

TJMCA:RAA  
62-10641

Enc. 5

ENCL

4 JAN 15 1951

RECORDED - 68

1126-486-208

DEC 15 1950

251-1

THE SH

LEGAL



LEG

SERVICE

Resist Unwarranted Regulative Interference by Government

9127 JONES MILL ROAD

CHEVY CHASE 15, MARYLAND

WISCONSIN 1347

December 14

1950

WILLIAM SHEARON  
MARJORIE SHEARON, PH.D.  
EDITOR AND LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

PUBLISHERS OF  
American Medicine and the  
Political Scene

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Anna M. Rosenberg

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose my past four releases dealing with Anna M. Rosenberg. In addition to prior knowledge which I had, I have worked day and night for five weeks going through House Un-American Activities Committee material, the New York Times, clippings files, etc. I have assembled all this material with references and careful documentation.

I have one approach that no other investigator has used, so far as I know. I have dug into the membership of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., of which Mrs. Rosenberg was a member for four years (1946-49). She admits that membership. The CNH has not been adjudged subversive, but I think it would be if any investigating organization studied the membership and the interlocking directorships with front organizations.

One of the best leads I came across was the ~~Consumers~~ National Federation which was sponsored by Arthur Kallet and other Communists. (See Appendix IX on NC-PAC, pp. 658-660), 1944, House Un-American Activities Report.) When I checked the sponsors of the Consumers National Federation against the membership of the CNH, I found a considerable interlocking, with the name Anna M. Rosenberg on each. The present Assistant Secretary of Defense denied under oath that she had belonged to the Consumers National Federation. (See her testimony put out by Senate Armed Services Committee. Get her original testimony, if you can. The committee found she had changed some of the significant wording of her original testimony and they had the whole business reprinted and labeled "Reprint." Ask for both. See p. 10.)

I have original letterheads of Committee for Nation's Health for 1946, 47, and 49, and much more documentary material. What has struck me is the large number of persons with subversive records who were charter members of the CNH. I am having that list photostated tonight and hope I will have it tomorrow. There are 166 names; 92 have subversive citations. Anna M. Rosenberg is one of the 166 original names in 1946. She became a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee in 1946 or 1947.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

RECORDED - 66

INDEXED - 66

58 JAN 13 1951

126-486-209

126-486

ENCLOSURE

209

**THE SHEARON MEDICAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

9127 JONES MILL ROAD  
CHEVY CHASE 15, MD.

*This number gives summary background material on Anna M. Rosenberg*

*These 4 releases should be read in sequence but the one for Dec. 14 is most directly related to my testimony on Dec. 12.*

RESIST UNWARRANTED REGULATIVE INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT!



MARJORIE

SHEARON

# CHALLENGE TO SOCIALISM

FORMERLY AMERICAN MEDICINE AND THE POLITICAL SCENE

Vol. IV, No. 36

November 16, 1950

81st Congress, Second Session

## In Outrageous Move Truman Appoints Anna Rosenberg Assistant Secretary of Defense

With complete disregard for the people's mandate, President Truman on November 9 announced he would appoint a top New Dealer, Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense. Despite the national repudiation of the New-Fair Deal at the polls, the President saw fit to make an interim appointment which surprised, shocked, and chagrined many persons. It was even more transparent that Defense Secretary George Marshall had had "Mrs. Fix-It," as she has been called, planted on his staff. *The Chicago Tribune* of November 13 suggests that Presidential adviser John R. Steelman, who had planned to go into business with Mrs. Rosenberg if Truman had been ousted in 1948, was really back of the appointment. He is said to have pulled a fast one on the President.

Fortunately Mrs. Rosenberg will have to be confirmed by the Senate Armed Services Committee and then by the Senate. Angry Americans who protested on November 7 against the foreign and domestic policies of this Administration may be expected to protest an appointment which is so clearly ill advised. Mrs. Rosenberg is unquestionably clever. She is a smart fixer and a master of billingsgate. As the United Mine Workers said, she is "an out-and-out Roosevelt politician." Crazy for power and short on education, she possesses some unworkable ideas about soldiers. Shamelessly self-seeking, she cheated the taxpayers for years and was finally exposed by Congress. **She is not the type of person who should be permitted to hold this post at this perilous time in our history. The Senate should not strengthen the powerful New Deal Socialist ring comprising: Altmeyer, Cohen, Falk, Rosenberg, Keyserling, Rosenman, Kingsley, Boas, and Michael Davis.**

## United States Menaced Should Have only Most Trusted Persons in National Defense Jobs

The United States is fighting for its very life. Every person selected for a high position in the Defense Department should be chosen in the national interest. Every such person should be of unquestioned loyalty and integrity and should have a long record of unselfish public service. Every such person should be an American through and through. There is no place in the Defense Department for persons who have flirted with Communist collaborators and who have advocated the establishment of State Socialism in the United States.

**Because of the seriousness of the times and the significance of this appointment, the Editor has prepared this statement especially for the use of the Senate of the United States. The facts cry out for Senate rejection of the Rosenberg appointment. They cry out, too, for a citizenry alert to weak links in the Defense Department.**

Anna Marie Lederer was born in Budapest, Hungary, on July 19, 1900. (The dates of her birth, entry into the United States, and marriage do not agree in different biographies.) Her father, Albert Lederer, a furniture manufacturer, was ruined financially when a large order was cancelled. He migrated to this country with his wife and two daughters in 1910 or 1912. They settled in the Bronx, New York City, where Mr. Lederer became a fur trimmer. Anna was not quite 18 when she married Julius (Mike) Rosenberg, a rug dealer. She was naturalized in 1919.

In later years a writer described the young Mrs. Rosenberg as a "Bronx high-school girl with a fierce appetite for power." At Wadleigh High School she led a group of students to City Hall, demonstrating her qualities of leadership and her ability to talk fast.

106-986-269

**Mrs. Fix-It Arranged  
Unethical Deal With  
Social Security's  
Arthur J. Altmeyer**

Mrs. Rosenberg was in her early twenties when she decided to crash the gates of Tammany. Bargaining into a ward politician's sanctum, "the tough James J. Hagan Tammany Club," on Manhattan's West Side, she made a hit by talking back to the boss. The elder Hagan hired her to run the aldermanic campaign of his son Walter. For the ensuing 10 years (1922-1932) Mrs. Rosenberg ran political campaigns and organized Jewish philanthropies. In this way she came to know Judge Anna Kross, Mrs. Leo Sulzberger, Mrs. Henry Moskovitz, and the wealthy businessman, Nathan Straus, Jr.

Straus ran for alderman in 1933. Mrs. Rosenberg handled his campaign. He lost. But the New Deal was sweeping the country. Straus was appointed director of the National Recovery Administration in New York. He chose Mrs. Rosenberg as his assistant. A year later he resigned and she succeeded him—not without some fixing. The job was short-lived. NRA was declared unconstitutional. The New York office closed in 1936. In May of that year Mrs. Rosenberg was named director of Regional Office No. 2 of the new Social Security Board.

**It is significant that Mrs. Rosenberg was not qualified by either education or experience for the \$7,500 job into which she stepped. She was a high school graduate without administrative experience. But by playing her political cards shrewdly, she overcame her educational and professional shortcomings. And she was clever—in a devious sort of way.**

Six years after this Social Security appointment was made, the House Appropriations Committee summoned Mrs. Rosenberg to Washington to explain the deal she had made in 1936 with Arthur J. Altmeyer, then chairman of the Social Security Board. She testified she had developed a lucrative public relations business prior to 1936 and that her private income had exceeded \$20,000 a year. When Altmeyer had asked her to become a regional director she had said she would accept if she could continue her consultant work while in Federal employ. Altmeyer had agreed. She admitted that she received \$20,000 a year from Macy's-Bamberger's, \$6,000 from Nelson Rockefeller, and \$2,500 from I. Miller Shoe Company in addition to \$7,500 from the Government—a total of \$36,000. She testified that these were her only clients.

**New Dealer Called on  
Congressional Carpet  
In 1942 and Severely  
Censured for Schemes**

Representative Engel (R., Mich.) questioned Mrs. Rosenberg at length in May 1942 when the 1943 Social Security appropriation bill was up for consideration. She claimed she gave 100 per cent of her time to her Government job. Nelson Rockefeller, she said, paid her \$6,000 for taking luncheon with him occasionally; she did not devote any regular time to his work. Macy's-Bamberger's paid \$20,000 a year for some Saturday afternoon consultations with her. It sounded fishy. She asserted \$28,500 was the total of her private earnings, but a feature writer later said: "Insiders knew that the addition of retainers not advertised in the congressional wet wash would have made the total of her yearly earnings nearer \$60,000, plus the Government pay check." Did she lie to a Congressional committee?

Although she claimed she gave full time to her Government job, she had previously let the cat out of the bag by telling how she handled so many jobs at once. In an interview reported in *The New York Times* of February 22, 1942, and read into the appropriations hearings on May 5, 1942, by Mr. Engels, she said:

"I delegate authority to other people in whom I have confidence and who do not come running to me with every problem."

Mrs. Rosenberg was in charge of 22 field offices for the Social Security Board. Some members of the committee thought the responsibilities of such a job would preclude carrying on major consultant jobs to the tune of \$28,500 on the side. Furthermore, the point was made that it was highly improper to take large retainers from employers who came under the jurisdiction of the very law she was administering.

Altmeyer backed Mrs. Rosenberg to the limit. His testimony showed he was quite as lacking in a sense of public responsibility to a Federal office as was Mrs. Rosenberg.

The Senate Appropriations Committee thought the Altmeyer-Rosenberg deal so irregular they added the following amendment to the bill:

**"No part of the appropriation contained herein under the heading 'Social Security Board' shall be expended for the salary of any person who directly or indirectly is receiving compensation for services from any person, corporation, or association employing any person enrolled under the Social Security Act."**



**New Dealers Condoned Altmeyer-Rosenberg Deal and Gave her War Manpower Post**

The amendment censuring the unprecedented activities of Mrs. Rosenberg was passed by the Senate on June 26, 1942,

without a dissenting vote. Presumably Mrs. Fix-It got busy. It is said she rushed to the President, offering to resign. He is reported to have given her a dose of "Roosevelt soothing syrup." Pressure presumably was applied to the House-Senate conferees on the appropriation bill, for on June 29 they struck out the Senate-passed amendment (House Report No. 2031 on H.R. 7181, p. 4, 1942). They did state, however, that the case under question was "subject to severe criticism" and they admonished "the Social Security Board and all other organizations provided for in the bill to correct this and similar practices."

Despite this public censure, Mrs. Rosenberg clung to all her jobs, public and private, until September 18, 1942, when she released to the press a letter she had written to Altmeyer on August 21. Claiming to have been guilty of no wrong doing, she glossed over the fact that Congress had censured her. Asserting she had not broken any law, she said that Senator Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) and Representative Butler B. Hare (D., S.Car.) had both told Paul V. McNutt, chairman of War Manpower Commission, that her outside activities had not interfered with her Government work. Her letter was a masterpiece of fixing and of justification of the unjustifiable.

**Mrs. Rosenberg seemed to miss the whole point. She did not see, or chose to ignore, the fact that public morality and ethics transcend the convenient dicta of politicians and bureaucrats of easy conscience. Because Roosevelt, McCarran, Hare, and Altmeyer had condoned her misconduct in public office, she acted as though she should be excused. They were all the same breed of cats. The fact remained she had delegated the responsibilities of her job to subordinates who had to be paid by the taxpayers to do the work she was hired to do. And she had accepted large fees from employers subject to the law she was administering.**

Belatedly, in September 1942, Mrs. Rosenberg resigned from her Social Security post and gave up her numerous consultant jobs for the duration. Proclaiming she hadn't "an ambition in the world to hold public office," she became regional director in War Manpower Commission at a salary of \$8,000—to help win the war.

**Blue Stocking Fixer For Millionaires is Unacceptable to Some Top Labor Leaders**

But all was not as altruistic as Mrs. Rosenberg would have liked the public to believe.

Josef Israels, in an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* of October 16, 1943, said: "Undismayed by criticism, Mrs. Rosenberg went on her way, poking, prodding, pleading, ordering and influencing everything and everybody in sight. Today Mrs. Rosenberg . . . is more powerful than ever before. No one who knows her, doubts that in maneuvering to win this battle she will ruthlessly and effectively put many more of her deft fingers into this richest of political pies, the War Manpower Commission."

As a matter of fact, in those days McNutt appeared to be the man of the hour. He was being mentioned as a possible Presidential candidate for 1944. Mrs. Rosenberg, with her customary foresight, attached herself to McNutt, without, however, dropping the line to the White House. She called on Roosevelt about once a week, according to Israels. Partly at her suggestion the President set up a Victory Labor Board and named her secretary. This infuriated the United Mine Workers who thought she would try to have herself appointed Secretary of Labor if Roosevelt won a fourth term in 1944. They blasted her in a bitter article in their *Journal* of November 1.

Not only did Mrs. Rosenberg run afoul of John L. Lewis, but she clashed with CIO's Sidney Hillman. She and Hillman had been friends at one time, but in the mad scramble for power they fell out. It is said Hillman "coveted the potent War Manpower post which Paul McNutt finally snagged. He sought Mrs. Rosenberg's support with the President, but she avoided committing herself." Hillman is reported to have turned the Congressional spotlight on her shady deal with Altmeyer.

In view of the fact that Hillman had such extensive Communist connections and even received Lenin's blessing in 1922, it is interesting to note Mrs. Rosenberg's friendship for him.

She had other contacts that led to Russia back in the 20's. When Mrs. Rosenberg was getting her start in Tammany it was Communist collaborator Judge Anna Kross who recommended her to Mrs. Moskovitz for a job. Judge Kross has a disgraceful record of long association with Communists Joseph R. Brodsky and Bela V. Dodd as well as with such Communist collaborators as Jacob S. Potofsky and Frederick L. Schuman.

**Mrs. Rosenberg has Customary New Deal Share of Communist-Front Connections**

The House Un-American Activities Committee notes that as far back as 1930 Anna Rosenberg signed a petition against anti-Communist activities of the New York police. The protest grew out of a Red riot incited by the well known Communists William Z. Foster and Israel Amter. A mass meeting, 35,000 strong, had assembled in Union Square. Women and children sang the Communist Internationale. Communist leaders turned the meeting into a wild riot. Scores were injured. Foster, then as now, the leader of the Communist Party, was thrown into jail and held without bail. Four of his companions were imprisoned and their bail was set so high they had to remain locked up.

At once the Communistic John Reed Club rose to the defense of the trouble makers. Reed had helped to organize the Communist Party in this country in 1919. He had returned to Russia where a short time later he died. His ashes were buried in the Kremlin. Clubs were formed in his memory in this country.

On May 19, 1930, there appeared in *The New York Times* a statement from the John Reed Club protesting the arrest and imprisonment of the rioting Communists of Union Square. **Among the signers was Anna Rosenberg.**

In the 1930's a Communist, Arthur Kallett, founded a series of "consumer" organizations constituting a "solar system" of Communist fronts. There were 9 such organizations, including the Consumers National Federation. Communist Earl Browder in 1939 identified this Federation as a "transmission belt" or "organization through which the Communist Party extends its influence and ideology to groups which are broader than the party itself."

Susan Jenkins, a former employee of the Communist *Daily Worker*, organized the Consumers National Federation. Among its sponsors were the Communists Bela V. Dodd, Arthur Kallett, Israel Amter, and Michael Quill together with such veteran fellow travelers as Mary Dublin (who later married Leon Keyserling, now economic adviser to the President), Stanley M. Isaacs, and Max Perlow. **Anna M. Rosenberg joined with this group to sponsor one of the Federation's conferences.**

**Mrs. Fix-It Helps Davis, Boas, and Ewing Nationalize American Medicine**

Mrs. Rosenberg is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., the most powerful nongovernmental lobby for the nationalization of medicine. Other board members are such well known fellow travelers as Michael M. Davis, Ernst P. Boas, M.D., Mary Dublin Keyserling, Theodore Sanders, M.D., and Abe Fortas. Honorary vice presidents of the CNH include Chester Bowles, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bishop Francis McConnell, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. Martin Popper has been a member of the CNH. He was one of the 1949 vice presidents of the National Lawyers Guild, described as the "legal bulwark of the Communist Party." John Abt, Lee Pressman of the CIO, and Nathan Witt, all associated with the National Lawyers Guild, were members of the Washington Communist cell which included Alger Hiss. The Pressman-Altmeyer-Rosenberg ring should be investigated.

Dr. Boas, himself a member of at least 12 Communist-front organizations, is chairman of the Physicians Forum lobby cited as subversive by the Tenney Committee of California. Mary Dublin Keyserling has a long subversive record.

Mrs. Rosenberg's assistant, Abe Savage, was called in by Oscar Ewing in 1948 to be an incorporator of the National Health Assembly.

**We submit that a woman with such a record as Mrs. Rosenberg's has no place in our Defense Department. It is outrageous for President Truman to foist on this country at this time a woman who has placed personal ambition and greed before devotion to her high public office. She represents the vested interests of Anna Rosenberg and the CIO but not the larger interests of the Nation. She was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense on November 15. Her appointment can be blocked by the Senate and by a Nation-wide protest of angry Americans. Her fitness will be passed on by the Armed Services Committee:**

*Democrats*

Millard E. Tydings, Md.  
Richard B. Russell, Ga.  
Harry F. Byrd, Va.  
Virgil Chapman, Ky.  
Lyndon B. Johnson, Tex.  
Estes Kefauver, Tenn.  
Lester C. Hunt, Wyo.

*Republicans*

Styles Bridges, N.H.  
Chan Gurney, S. Dak.  
Leverett Saltonstall, Mass.  
Wayne Morse, Oregon  
William F. Knowland, Calif.  
Harry F. Cain, Wash.

See Appendix IX, 1944  
House Un-American Activities Com.  
Report on NC-PAC

RESIST UNWARRANTED REGULATIVE INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT!



MARJORIE SHEARON

# CHALLENGE TO SOCIALISM

FORMERLY AMERICAN MEDICINE AND THE POLITICAL SCENE

Vol. IV, No. 37

November 30, 1950

81st Congress, Second Session

## American Viewpoints Should be Voiced on Defense Appointment Of Anna M. Rosenberg

The Lame Duck continuation of the Second Session of the Eighty-first Congress met on November 27. There is little likelihood that much new legislation will be enacted. Most of the Truman domestic program will go by the board temporarily except, possibly, for a short extension of rent control and passage of a new tax bill. The tense Korean situation dwarfs all other issues.

There has been a gratifying set-back for the advocates of State Socialism. The Eighty-Second Congress, fortunately, will convene in January without: Representatives Biemiller (D., Wisc.) and Marcantonio (Labor Party, N.Y.); Senators Lucas (D., Ill.); Pepper (D., Fla.); Graham (D., N.C.); Elbert Thomas (D., Utah); Elmer Thomas (D. Okla.); and Taylor (D., Idaho), to mention some of the more important defeated members. This type of house cleaning shows what aroused and angry American can do. It is a good beginning and should serve as preparation for a more extensive cleaning up in 1952.

During the wind-up of this Congress there is one job for Americans to do on the combined domestic-foreign scene. Last week we called attention to the interim appointment of Anna M. Rosenberg to the important post of Assistant Secretary of Defense. This appointment was referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee on November 27. The committee normally meets on Thursdays.

When Congress convened it was stated no action would be taken on the appointment until next week. However, at a meeting specially called on November 29, before popular disapproval could be expressed, the Armed Services Committee unanimously approved an appointment which is a flagrant affront to every true American.

## Issues at Stake in Critical Appointment

The Rosenberg appointment is important for a variety of reasons. (1) If the President thought it was desirable to have a woman in a high defense post at the policy level, he might have picked an American-born woman of unquestioned professional standing and integrity. Mrs. Rosenberg does not represent the womanhood of the United States.

(2) If the President wanted an expert personnel officer in the defense set-up, why did he not select a well qualified personnel man or woman with an unblemished record? Mrs. Rosenberg for 6 years engaged in practices so questionable that she was reprimanded by the Congress of the United States. The Senate went so far in 1942 as to pass an amendment to an appropriations bill condemning Mrs. Rosenberg's deal with Arthur J. Altmeyer, at that time chairman of the Social Security Board. **Should a responsible and sensitive post in national defense be given to an irresponsible and insensitive person?**

(3) Back through the years Mrs. Rosenberg has had some known contacts with Communist collaborators. The record indicates that a great deal more should be ascertained about her connections in New York City before she is entrusted with high office in the Federal Government.

(4) We question the advisability of placing in a top manpower post a person who for several years has been lobbying for the nationalization of medicine. Mrs. Rosenberg was associated with the Committee for the Nation's Health for 4 years and was a member of the executive committee of the National Health Assembly, Inc.

(5) A defense agency is no stronger than its weakest link. Mrs. Rosenberg is not the strongest American link that could be placed in the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

126-486-261

**Anna M. Rosenberg's  
Association With  
Red Collaborators is  
A Matter of Record**

For at least several years Mrs. Rosenberg has been promoting the Truman-Ewing program for national compulsory social security medicine. When the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., was organized early in 1946, Mrs. Rosenberg's name appeared on the organization's letterhead as one of the 166 names of persons who presumably sponsored or agreed with CNH. Later she became a member of the Board of Directors of CNH. In November, 1949, according to a CNH staff member, Mrs. Rosenberg resigned from the Board of Directors without issuing any public statement as to reason for her resignation from an organization which she had sponsored since its formation. The committee continued to use letterheads bearing her name well on into this year. The 1950-51 *Who's Who* states that Mrs. Rosenberg is a member of the Executive Committee for the Nation's Health.

Whether or not Mrs. Rosenberg is at this moment a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health does not seem to be a matter of great importance. What really counts is that she was associated with that lobbying group for 4 years. Who were her associates during that time?

On April 13, 1946, the Committee for the Nation's Health sent a letter to a member of the Senate and enclosed a circular describing the objectives of the committee. On that letterhead and on that circular appeared the names of persons who presumably were sponsoring the CNH. **Of the 166 names listed, 91 were the names of persons cited one or more times by the House Un-American Activities Committee for subversive activities or connections.** Mrs. Rosenberg's name was in the list of those so cited. Along with her name there appeared the names of such notorious Communist collaborators as: Mrs. Carol Weiss King, Martin Popper, Abe Fortas, Louis Adamic, Ernst P. Boas, M.D., Mary Dublin Keyserling, Johannes Steel, and Robert W. Kenny.

**Mrs. Rosenberg may protest she does not know these people. However, if a person helps to organize a lobbying group and is in on the ground floor, as Mrs. Rosenberg was in the case of CNH, and if for several years afterwards she was on the Board of Directors of that organization, she cannot escape criticism if the other persons who sponsored the group were in many instances Communist collaborators.**

**Committee for Nation's  
Health Has Been Cross  
Roads Meeting Place  
For Red Collaborators**

In connection with the associations Mrs. Rosenberg has had during the past 5 years, a report issued this week by the House Un-American Activities Committee is of great significance. It is entitled: *Hearings Regarding Communism in the United States Government—Part 2*. It was released on November 27. The report contains the testimony of the admitted Communist Lee Pressman and of 4 men who have repeatedly been identified as Communists, namely, Abraham George Silverman, Nathan Witt (Witkowsky), Charles Kramer (Krevitsky), and John Jacob Abt. ~~Also included in this report is the~~ lengthy testimony of Max Lowenthal who last week published the vicious attack on the FBI, entitled: *The Federal Bureau of Investigation*.

Now it is interesting to note that among the names which came up frequently during the cross examination of witnesses regarding Communism in our Government were the names of **Carol Weiss King** and **Robert W. Kenny**. These names were associated with that of Mrs. Rosenberg in 1946 on the letterhead and circular of the Committee for the Nation's Health. She did not publicly repudiate them or other CNH subversives.

**Carol Weiss King**, according to the House Un-American Activities Committee, was the former law partner of the late **Joseph R. Brodsky**, a charter member of the Communist Party. She was a member or sponsor of 15 Communist-front groups. She served as an attorney on behalf of the Communist Party and defended numerous Communists. She was secretary of the International Juridical Association which had a sizeable Communist nucleus including **Isaac E. Ferguson**, a charter member of the Communist Party, **Joseph R. Brodsky**, also a charter member, **Yetta Land**, **Maurice Sugar**, **John P. Davis**, and others. Mrs. King was also a member of the Communist National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Ten of the officials of the International Juridical Association were also officials of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, providing a solid interlocking directorate. Among these 10 were **Nathan Witt**, **Charles H. Houston**, (law partner of the newly appointed Judge William Hastie), **Edward Lamb**, an attorney for the former Truman Committee and a professional associate of **Peggy Stein** of the Committee for the Nation's Health, and **Carey McWilliams**, cited over 50 times by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

**1946 Sponsors of CNH Included "Friend of The Soviet Union," Robert W. Kenny**

We are giving this much detail about the past and present associations of Mrs. Rosenberg because we think it is extremely important. This country has suffered much from persons who had and have foreign ideologies. Such persons believe in European systems of Government, possibly in some form of State Socialism or in Communism. Those with such beliefs have tended to flock together in the past. We have witnessed hundreds of Communist-front organizations. An even more subtle thing is the Socialist group that calls itself a "Planning Association." In varying degrees during the past 18 years the country has been betrayed by those who believe in central control of the lives of all citizens. There are all gradations from fuzzy planners through parlor Pinks to raving Reds.

Now when a person habitually associates with those who are convinced the American way of life is less desirable than that of Socialist or Communist countries, that person is bound to be marked. Mrs. Rosenberg chose for 4 years to associate herself with the Committee for the Nation's Health, not in a casual way, but in a policy making post as a member of the Board of Directors for at least three years. Back in 1946 another person listed along with Mrs. Rosenberg as a sponsor of CNH was Robert W. Kenny, attorney general of the State of California during the years 1943-47. He was president of the National Lawyers Guild during the years 1940-48 and was "associated with the defense of a number of Communist cases."

The House Un-American Activities Committee in its current report on *Communism in the United States Government* (p. 2992) says:

"On repeated occasions, Mr. Kenny has attacked the trial of the 11 Communist leaders convicted for teaching and advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence, particularly as reported by the Daily People's World [Communist publication] of July 22, 1948, and the Worker of October 30, 1949 . . . Statements opposing the outlawing or restricting of the Communist Party have been signed by Robert W. Kenny and have appeared frequently in the Communist press. Mr. Kenny has opposed Government loyalty procedures on various occasions."

So far as we know, Mrs. Rosenberg has never protested the use of her name with Kenny's

**Subversives on CNH Board of Directors Along With Rosenberg**

In 1947 *Pravda*, "official newspaper of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, hailed Robert W. Kenny as a 'friend of the Soviet Union in the United States.'"

**What was Anna Rosenberg doing in association with Robert W. Kenny in 1946?**

That 1946 list of sponsors of the Committee for the Nation's Health also included these additional Communist collaborators: Abe Fortas, Ernst P. Boas, M.D., Johannes Steel, Mary Dublin Keyserling, Louis Adamic, and Martin Popper.

Martin Popper, one of the founders of the National Lawyers Guild, the "legal bulwark of the Communist Party," recently represented the Chinese Communists (House Report No. 3123, 81st Cong., 2nd Sess., Sept. 17, 1950, p. 16).

It is highly important to note that some at least of these Communist collaborators who were in on the ground floor when the Committee for the Nation's Health was organized in 1946 continued with the organization and subsequently worked together as members of the Board of Directors—along with Mrs. Rosenberg. Among the Board members in August, 1949, were the following persons with subversive records:

Ernst P. Boas, M.D., Member of at least 10 Communist fronts and chairman of the Physicians Forum which was adjudged a Communist front by the Tenney Committee in California.

Mary Dublin Keyserling, wife of the President's economic adviser. She has been a fellow traveler for years and has been associated with Mrs. Rosenberg on more than one questionable project. In 1940 the Conference on Constitutional Liberties met in Washington. One of the chief speakers was the Communist Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Among the sponsors of the conference were: Communist **Doxie Wilkerson** (at that time in the Federal Security Agency), Communist **Bela V. Dodd**, left-wing attorney **Edward Lamb**, **Carol Weiss King**, Representative **Vito Marcantonio** (who has consistently followed the Communist line), **Mary Dublin**, **Michael Quill** (said to be a Communist), and many others of like stripe. Among the Communist "transmission belts" to which Mary Dublin belonged was the Consumers National Federation sponsored by: Communists **Bela V. Dodd**, **Arthur Kallett**, **Grace Hutchins**, and **Israel Amter**. Additional sponsors were: **Mary Dublin**, **Anna M. Rosenberg**, **Stanley M. Isaacs**, **Michael J. Quill**, and more like them.

**President Appoints  
Jacob F. Potofsky,  
Red Collaborator,  
To Point 4 Board**

This incredible Rosenberg appointment is not the only one that should be challenged. President Truman seems to be hell-bent on selling the country out to the Reds and to a motley horde of fellow travelers, Red sympathizers, and the like. On November 29, Truman named 11 persons to serve with Chairman Nelson D. Rockefeller on the new advisory board on international development. This is a board of experts to "strengthen the free world against the dangers of communism." Under the law (P.L. 535, 81st Cong.) only the chairman must be confirmed by the Senate. The 11 experts appointed by the President do not have to receive Senate confirmation.

One of the experts just appointed by the President is Communist collaborator Jacob F. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Potofsky recently decorated Ewing with the Sidney Hillman award, addressing him as "Mr. Socialized Medicine himself." However, this is of small moment by comparison with Potofsky's outrageous past record of Communist association for 30 years.

**Out of all the people in this country who might have been selected to "strengthen the free world against the dangers of Communism," why does the President select Russian-born Jacob F. Potofsky who has been cited over 30 times for subversive activities by the House Un-American Activities Committee?**

Potofsky's record of activities on behalf of the Communist USSR dates back at least to 1922. At that time he was active in organizing a corporation to aid Lenin's newly established regime following the Red Revolution of November 1917. Despite Lenin's belief in revolution, in the destruction of capitalism, and in the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat by force and violence "unrestricted by any laws," Potofsky and Sidney Hillman, on behalf of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, labored diligently in the 1920's to aid Lenin. Hillman went to Russia in 1922 and had a long conference with Lenin with respect to the organization of the Russian-American Industrial Corporation for the purpose of operating "the textile and clothing industry in Russia." Hillman and Potofsky, both born in Russia, headed this corporation which received Lenin's backing.

**Senate Armed Services  
Committee Betrays  
Country, Unanimously  
Confirming Rosenberg**

Hillman was president, Potofsky secretary-treasurer of the Russian-American Industrial Corporation. Max Lowenthal's law firm incorporated the Hillman-Potofsky set-up. Lowenthal, when questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee on September 15, 1950, said he "assumed" he was counsel for the Hillman-Potofsky venture. That Corporation sought American funds for the Lenin-sponsored scheme. On November 6, 1922, Potofsky wrote a letter boasting he had sold one-quarter of a million dollars worth of this stock. On the Corporation envelopes was the slogan: **"The key to the stability of the world lies in the economic reconstruction of Russia."**

Potofsky was on the Labor Advisory Committee of the Consumers Union of U.S., Inc., founded in 1935-36 by Communist **Arthur Kallett**. The later also founded the Congress of Revolutionary Writers which in 1935 put out a statement that the capitalist system was crumbling and that the Revolutionary Writers recognized "the necessity of personally helping to accelerate the destruction of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' government."

Potofsky was associated with **Ben Gold** of the International Fur Workers Union. Gold is a publicly avowed Communist. Potofsky was also associated on the Labor Advisory Committee with Communist **Julius Emspak**, Communist **Louis Weinstock**, and **Michael Quill**, "who has been identified by numerous witnesses as a member of the Communist Party."

Potofsky was a member of the advisory committee of the League for Mutual Aid which had as its motto the Marxian slogan "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." The Communists **Kallett**, **Elizabeth Gurley Flynn**, and **J. R. Brodsky** were members.

**The Potofsky appointment by the President in this grave hour warrants determined opposition. Protests should be directed to Truman.**

**As this release was going through the press the Senate Armed Services Committee on November 29 unanimously confirmed the Rosenberg appointment which now goes to the full Senate for a vote. Protests must be immediate by wire and telephone only to all Senators.**

RESIST UNWARRANTED REGULATIVE INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT!



MARJORIE SHEARON

# CHALLENGE TO SOCIALISM

FORMERLY AMERICAN MEDICINE AND THE POLITICAL SCENE

Vol. IV, No. 38

December 7, 1950

81st Congress, Second Session

**This Country Betrayed Again, and Again, and Again. Is there to be Another Betrayal?**

We have devoted most of the two preceding issues to the appointment of Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense. This is an appointment of the utmost importance. Unprecedented authority over the country's manpower would be vested in the person holding this high office. The United States is entitled to an Assistant Secretary of great integrity and unquestioned loyalty. Instead, the President chose to appoint a woman who lacks integrity and whose loyalty is under a cloud.

Step by step during the past two decades this country has been betrayed into the hands of Communists and Communist sympathizers. The revelations of the House Un-American Activities Committee and of the FBI spread the betrayal on the record for all to read. The Presidential appointment of Mrs. Rosenberg is one more betrayal. It is the more flagrant and the more inexcusable because of the dire straits in which the Nation finds itself.

It is not too late for something to be done about this appointment. True, the Senate Armed Services Committee, with unseemly haste and without proper consideration of the merits of the case, railroaded the appointment through on November 29 without a dissenting vote. One might have expected that type of action from the chairman of the committee, Senator Millard (Whitewash) Tydings (D., Md.). The appointment and the committee confirmation aroused intense indignation.

The committee has decided to reconsider the appointment on December 7 in closed-door hearings. The public should be admitted. Why the secrecy? Read the following and then express your views to your Senator and to members of the Senate Armed Services Committee immediately by wire and telephone.

**Mrs. Rosenberg Cannot Alibi Out of 4 Years Of Association with Red Collaborators**

When Mrs. Rosenberg was questioned by the Armed Services Committee regarding her alleged membership in, or sponsorship of, specified Communist-front organizations, she denied under oath that she had been connected with any such organizations. If the statements which she made to the committee should prove to be untrue, she would be guilty of perjury. **She may not have been a member of a Communist front but she joined those who were members.**

Discounting her denials and the question of whether or not Mrs. Rosenberg was a member of a Communist-front organization, there is one set of damaging facts that Mrs. Rosenberg cannot deny. They may ultimately be brought out on the Senate floor. It will not be possible for Mrs. Rosenberg to say, as she did before the Armed Services Committee, that she is a victim of mistaken identity. She has pleaded once that the Anna M. Rosenberg cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee must have been some other Rosenberg. The facts which we are about to present relate to **this** Anna M. Rosenberg, the one who is presently holding the interim appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense.

We have in our possession the significant documentary evidence to show that Mrs. Rosenberg for at least 4 years associated with well known Communist collaborators. Five years ago she joined with a notorious group of subversives which included at least one Soviet spy. Her association was not casual. At first merely a sponsor, she became a member of the Board of Directors of the group which was incorporated in 1946 as the Committee for the Nation's Health. The organization was neither so altruistic nor so innocent as it was made to appear. The facts speak.

126-486-269

**Rosenberg Name Linked With that of Soviet-American Spy—Agnes Smedley in 1945-46**

On December 4, 1945, Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg joined with 197 other persons to pay for a 6-column, 270-line ad which appeared in various papers under the caption "President Truman's Health Plan." The ad was part of the propaganda campaign in support of President Truman's national compulsory scheme for social security medicine. It followed the President's message to Congress on November 19, 1945, on which day S.1606, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill of that year, was introduced in both Houses. The 198 signers of the statement urged "Congress to prompt action." They also paid for the ad. Mrs. Rosenberg was listed as "Labor Public Relations Consultant," New York, which would appear to be adequate identification.

Among the other signers of this endorsement we find the following, along with Anna M. Rosenberg:

**Agnes Smedley.** A report from General MacArthur's intelligence unit contains this statement:

"**Agnes Smedley**, American-Soviet spy: This American, Miss Agnes Smedley, has been one of the most energetic workers for the Soviet cause in China for the past twenty-odd years."

The Army intelligence report, noting the harm that had been done by Agnes Smedley, stated:

"... but perhaps it could be mitigated if she is now exposed for what she is, a spy and agent of the Soviet government." (*Congressional Record*, March 30, 1950, p. 4463.)

Miss Smedley's record dates back to the 30's. She was a contributor to the *Partisan Review* which carried this description on its masthead: "A Bi-Monthly of Revolutionary Literature Published by the John Reed Club of New York." The John Reed clubs were Communist groups formed in memory of the Communist John Reed, one of the founders of the Communist Party in the United States.

On January 24, 1936, a dinner was given in New York City in honor of Ella Reeve Bloor, "the best-known woman member" of the Communist Party in this country. Present at that dinner were the Communists Joseph Brodsky, Earl Browder, Louis Budenz, William Z. Foster, James W. Ford, Alexander Trachtenberg, Louis Weinstock, and Agnes Smedley.

Did Mrs. Rosenberg repudiate Agnes Smedley, long-time enemy of the United States? No. She tied up with her again 3 months later.

**Other Rosenberg Red Tie-ins: Bartley C. Crum, Carol Weiss King, Martin Popper**

Another person associated with Mrs. Rosenberg as a signer of the December 4, 1945, endorsement was **Bartley C. Crum**, a member of many Communist-front organizations, including the American Slav Congress, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists, and Scientists. In 1943 he was "president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, of which he has been a vice president since 1945." The House Un-American Activities Committee has described the National Lawyers Guild as the "legal bulwark of the Communist Party." Crum was vice chairman and sponsor in 1946-47 of the Communist sponsored National Committee to Win the Peace which joined with the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy "to influence American policy in behalf of the Chinese Communists." Both organizations have been cited as communistic. In 1947 Crum "was a sponsor of the California Labor School, the official educational institution of the Communist Party in the State of California." (For more on Crum's connections, see *Communism in the United States Government*—Part 2, 1950, p. 2989, House Un-American Activities Committee.)

Another associate of Mrs. Rosenberg in this ad was **Carol King**, former law partner of the late Joseph R. Brodsky, Communist. Mrs. King was executive secretary of the International Juridical Association and she has been a leading member of the National Lawyers Guild. "She is the Communist Party's leading specialist in immigration cases." She has been associated with a long list of Communist-front organizations and has defended many Communists.

Another of the 198 signers was **Martin Popper**, one of the founders of the National Lawyers Guild. In 1948 he was vice president of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, "an international Communist front." He has been an attorney for Amtorg, the Soviet trading agency in the United States. He represented the Chinese Communist Government in a legal suit.

On June 24, 1946 Channing Frothingham, M.D., testified the signers of this ad incorporated the Committee for the Nation's Health on February 23, 1946. This identifies the 198 ad signers with the charter membership of this organization. (Hearings on S. 1606, before Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, p. 2648, 1946)



**Thus Surrounded, Will Mrs. Rosenberg Guard These United States Truly and Faithfully?**

whose names appeared with Mrs. Rosenberg's were:

Roger N. Baldwin  
Thomas G. Addis, M.D.  
Louis Adamic  
Ilka Chase  
Jo Davidson  
V. Stefansson  
John P. Peters, M.D.  
Ernst P. Boas, M.D.  
Johannes Steel

Space does not permit the listing of all the 198 names of endorsers of the 1945 statement. Among the additional persons

Magistrate Anna Kross  
Robert W. Kenny  
Michael M. Davis  
Fredric March  
Leo J. Linder  
Thomas Mann  
William S. Gailmor  
Norman Corwin  
Mary Dublin Keyserling

The persons whose names are listed have all been cited for subversive connections by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

**Roger Baldwin's** record dates back to World War I. In 1935 he wrote:

"My 'chief aversion' is the system of greed, private profit, privilege, and violence which makes up the control of the world today, and which has brought it to the tragic crisis of unprecedented hunger and unemployment. I seek social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class, and sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal." He further stated: "I am for socialism, disarmament, and ultimately for abolishing the State itself as an instrument of violence and compulsion." (See quotation from Harvard Yearbook in *American Medicine and the Political Scene*, Vol III. No. 28, July 14, 1949, pp. 2-4.)

**Michael M. Davis** was a member of the Communist American League Against War and Fascism. He was also a member of the Advisory Board of ~~Indusco, Inc., described by Counter Attack as "a Communist Front established to give financial and other aid to the so-called Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. These, however, are never mentioned as dominated by the Communists who are recipients of funds raised by this organization."~~ **Owen Lattimore** was an honorary vice-chairman of Indusco and **Mrs. Lattimore** and **Mrs. Philip Jaffe** were on the Board of Directors.

In 1943, **Mr. Davis** was a sponsor of the National Wartime Conference. The program and committees of this conference "were stacked with well-known Communists and fellow travelers," including **Communists Arthur Kallett, Doxey Wilkerson, Bernard J. Stern, Rockwell Kent, and Lee Pressman.** (For more on Davis see House un-American Activities Report, Appendix IX, **Communist-front Organizations**, 1944, pp. 264, 412, 1335, 1338.)

**In 1946 Rosenberg Renewed 1945 Red Contacts—Soviet Spy and All!**

Was it sympathy with Communism? The list included lawyers, actors, radio announcers, businessmen, writers, physicians, dentists, engineers, and social reformers.

Within 3 months a considerable number of these endorsers gathered together as the Committee for the Nation's Health. They incorporated. Dr. Channing Frothingham became chairman; **Michael M. Davis became chairman of the executive committee.** On a letterhead used by the committee early in 1946 are printed the names of 166 sponsors, including:

Agnes Smedley—  
(American-Soviet spy)  
Roger N. Baldwin  
Louis Adamic  
Michael M. Davis  
Martin Popper  
Anna M. Kross

Robert W. Kenny  
Carol King  
Abe Fortas  
Thomas Mann  
Ernst P. Boas, M.D.  
Johannes Steel  
Mary Dublin Keyserling

By 1947 Mrs. Rosenberg had become a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health. She remained in that position until November 1949. On that board she was directly associated with a number of men and women who have had long-time Communist-front connections, including:

Mary Dublin Keyserling  
Ernst P. Boas, M.D.  
Abe Fortas  
Thomas Addis, M.D.

Theodore Sanders, M.D.  
Lillian Poses  
Michael M. Davis

Among the honorary vice-chairmen of the Committee for the Nation's Health in 1949, when Mrs. Rosenberg was a member of the Board of Directors, was **Walter Wanger.** In 1943 he was one of the guests of the Communist Writers Congress in California. **Owen Lattimore** was one of the speakers..

What conclusions are to be drawn from these varied Communist collaborator associations which Mrs. Rosenberg had? This much seems obvious:

(1) Mrs. Rosenberg has been repeatedly associated with well known Communist sympathizers—to use a mild term.

(2) There was a sizable nucleus of subversives in the Committee for the Nation's Health when it was organized in 1946. **At least 10 per cent of the charter membership had notorious Communist front connections.** The group, if examined, might well be adjudged to be a Communist front.

**Should a High Defense Official Wear a Red Fringe of Subversive Associations?**

When one views these indisputable facts about Mrs. Rosenberg, one has a feeling of dismay that her name could possibly have been considered by the President for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense. She may admittedly have been too clever openly to align herself with Communist organizations. **But she did align herself with those who aided and sympathized with Communists.**

The American people have been betrayed again, again, and again. Someone or some group lost ~~China to the Communists. A relatively small~~ number of persons—a few hundred—has repeatedly joined organizations which were Communist controlled. The Communist Party of the United States, organized in 1919 as a branch office of the Kremlin, has consistently worked for the overthrow of the United States by force and violence. Why this Party or its satellite organizations should appeal to any American is incomprehensible.

Yet persons like **Michael M. Davis, Ernst P. Boas, M.D., Thomas Addis, M.D., and Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling**, all close associates of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, have for many years worked for and with known Communist groups. The Committee for the Nation's Health wrote a document for the Communist film outlet (ERG Productions) of the International Workers Order. This release was to accompany a film strip which the Committee for the Nation's Health edited for the IWO film outlet, Current History Films.

One may reasonably ask how it came to pass that in 1945 when Anna M. Rosenberg joined with the Soviet spy Agnes Smedley and with Carol Weiss King, Robert W. Kenny, and all the rest of the Communist sympathisers then banded together—how did it come to pass that she and Michael Davis knew these people? Such acquaintances do not develop overnight. There is clear evidence of a close interlocking directorate with known Communist groups.

Perchance Mrs. Rosenberg will say she did not know these people. Is that likely? She stated before the Armed Services Committee she always investigated organizations she joined. She is said to be a smart woman. Now if she investigated these people with whom she tied up, and if she is smart, then she knew what she was doing.

**Every Senator Should Be Compelled to Face These Facts Which Stink to High Heaven**

The Senate of the United States should face the facts in this Anna Rosenberg appointment.

(1) **Mrs. Rosenberg was either a dupe of, or a knowing collaborator with, Communist sympathizers.** Is she now the person to be placed in a position where she will undoubtedly come in contact with Communist-controlled unions and other groups sympathetic to Russia? If she claims she was fooled, could she not be fooled again? The country needs as Assistant Secretary of Defense some one who **never** fell for the Communist line, someone who was **never** duped, someone who **never** ran with the herd of Red sympathizers.

(2) **The President has asked for unity.** How can he expect unity if he makes appointments like this? He could hardly have picked a more controversial figure than Anna M. Rosenberg. People the country over question:

(a) Her professional competence;

(b) Her integrity; and

(c) Her association with known Communist collaborators.

(3) **There is a widespread feeling the Rosenberg appointment was railroaded through the Senate Armed Services Committee without due consideration of all the known facts.** Another Tydings whitewash does not set well.

(4) **Why is Senator Tydings holding up publication of the Rosenberg testimony?**

(5) **Is Mrs. Rosenberg absolutely certain she did not sponsor a conference by the Communist "transmission belt" Consumers National Federation?**

Listed as sponsors were: Anna M. Rosenberg, Lillian Poses, and Mary Dublin. Mrs. Rosenberg says it was another Rosenberg. Yet Lillian Poses was her legal assistant in the New York regional office of the Social Security Board. In 1949 all three were members of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health. Are we to believe Mrs. Rosenberg did not join with her friends in sponsoring the consumers conference? Pretty thin!

(6) **In 1942 Congress censured Mrs. Rosenberg for her administrative practices which were unethical over a 6-year period.** Is she to be rewarded with a high office which may provide even greater opportunities for sharp dealing?

*I have an original of this film strip and accompanying document prepared by Col. A. Graham Heath.*

See p. 3, col. 2.

RESIST UNWARRANTED REGULATIVE INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT!



MARJORIE

SHEARON

# CHALLENGE TO SOCIALISM

FORMERLY AMERICAN MEDICINE AND THE POLITICAL SCENE

Vol. IV, No. 39

December 14, 1950

81st Congress, Second Session

## Hush-Hush Hearings on Defense Appointment Of Anna M. Rosenberg Continue This Week

We shall continue to report on the action of the Senate Armed Services Committee regarding the appointment of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense on the staff of General Marshall.

Witnesses opposing Mrs. Rosenberg's appointment were heard all day December 8, 11, and 12. Mr. Ralph De Sola, a former Communist, testified for three and one-half hours that he had met Mrs. Rosenberg at Communist meetings. Subsequent witnesses either did not support Mr. De Sola's testimony or contradicted it. The net result, at this time, appears to be a draw. Mr. Freedman, a retired businessman of New York, testified at length against Mrs. Rosenberg after a prolonged effort on the part of some Committee members to prove that Mr. Freedman is Anti-Semitic. He himself is Jewish, but he has opposed Marxist Jews and Communism. Witnesses from *Counter-Attack*, the anti-Communist paper published in New York City, testified on December 15.

Press and public have been excluded from all hearings. The veil of secrecy has hung heavy around the Armed Services Committee room out of respect for Mrs. Rosenberg. The public interest might have been better served had the press been admitted.

Mrs. Rosenberg has made a great point about mistaken identity, but has proved nothing. When she was given a transcript of her testimony, prior to publication, she took it to the Adjutant General's Office in National Defense, according to a reliable source, doctored her sworn statement, handed it in, and it was printed. When the committee discovered this, they restored the original wording and had the testimony reprinted. Nice gal, Anna! See her alibi, p. 10 of testimony.

## Star Chamber Actions In Armed Services Committee Strike New Low With Morse's Aid

On December 7, 1950, the Editor requested to be heard by the Senate Armed Services Committee. She testified on December 12 after spending 5 solid weeks collating documentary material relating to the appointment of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg. The Editor needed 2 hours for her presentation. Before she could get into her testimony, Senator Morse began his attack, obviously in retaliation for the Editor's release of May 11, 1950, on the Senator's political career. Behind closed doors, with the press excluded, Senator Morse endeavored by questions and innuendo to imply that the Editor was unreliable, mentally unbalanced, and professionally incompetent. The slanderous material which Senator Morse, hiding behind his Senatorial immunity, read into the record smacks of the writings of William G. Reidy, formerly on the staff of the Committee for the Nation's Health. It was presumably expected the Editor would attack the CNH, as she did, and therefore a barrage of innuendo was laid down in advance to discredit her. Reidy is on Labor Committee staff.

Senator Morse asked further if the Editor had ever had a nervous breakdown, been in a mental institution, consulted a psychiatrist, or been "rescued" by two patrolmen (presumably in 1934) after an attempt to commit suicide. To each of these questions the Editor answered under oath with an emphatic "No!" She refused, however, to defend herself. It is an old and obvious technique to attack a witness outrageously in order to elicit a defense and cut off testimony. The Editor netted 35-40 minutes and was then stopped. She was told she might submit additional material before December 14 at 10:00 a.m., which is too short a time for preparation.

This is essence of  
testimony presented  
before Senate Armed  
Services Committee on  
afternoon of December 12,  
1950. This issue  
went into mail tonight  
at about 6:00 p.m. to  
subscribers in all States.

Marjorie Shearon  
12/14/50

12/10-400-UN

### Most Solid Evidence In Rosenberg Case is Interlocking of CNH And Red Front Groups

The Rosenberg appointment will be fought out on the Senate floor, sometime before the Christmas recess. It is a tremendously important appointment because it gives into the hands of one person extraordinary authority over the Nation's manpower—including professional personnel, such as physicians and atomic scientists.

We do not make our major case against Mrs. Rosenberg on the ground of whether or not she was a member of the John Reed Club. **We believe there is far stronger evidence against Mrs. Rosenberg to be found in the associations she had through the Committee for the Nation's Health.** This evidence can be documented and there is no alibing out of it. We proceed to give it for the benefit of the members of the Senate.

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, now holding the interim appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense, was a charter member of the Committee for the Nation's Health, which was incorporated on February 23, 1946. The Editor has not finished her analysis of the subversive organizations to which the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., was linked *via* interlocking directorates. Thus far we can report 26 interlocked subversive fronts:

- American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born
- American Council for a Democratic Greece
- American Labor Party
- American Slav Congress
- American League Against War
- California Labor School
- China Aid Society
- Civil Rights Committee
- Closer Cooperation with Soviet Russia
- Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy
- Independent Citizens Committee for Arts, Sciences, etc.
- International Workers Order
- Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spain
- National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (N.Y.C., Mar. 25-27, 1949)
- National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
- National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East
- National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
- Open Letter for Harry Bridges
- Progressive Citizens of America
- Soviet Russia Today
- Supporters of Communist Bookshops
- The Slavic American
- Voice of Freedom
- Wallace Supporters
- Win the Peace Conference

### Subversive Citations For Members of CNH

We have previously pointed out that the charter membership of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., comprised 166 persons. Of these, at least 92, or 55 per cent, had subversive records. That is, they were cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee for subversive actions or connections. The following members of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., have been affiliated with the specified number of Communist-front organizations, according to the House Un-American Activities Committee *Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace Arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and Held in New York City, March 25, 26, and 27, 1949.* (Union Calendar No. 731, House Report No. 1954, 81st Congress, 2nd Sess., 1950)

Name of Charter Member of Committee for Nation's Health, Inc.	Member of Specified No. of Communist- Front Organizations
Louis Adamic	31-40
Thomas Addis	21-30
John A. Kingsbury, M.D.	21-30
Ernst P. Boas, M.D.	11-20
Robert W. Kenny	11-20
Thomas Mann	1-10
Johannes Steel	1-10
Norman Corwin	1-10
Jo Davidson	1-10
Artur Schnabel	1-10
Agnes Smedley	1-10

Number of citations in House Un-American Activities Report, Appendix IX, 1944, for selected members of CNH.

Ernst P. Boas, M.D.	18	Martin Popper	14
Michael M. Davis	4	plus extensive citations	
Bishop Francis J. McConnell	57	in National Lawyers	
Bishop G. Bromley		Guild Report	
Oxnam	10	Ralph Barton Perry	10
Mary Dublin		Leo J. Linder	12
(now Keyserling)	9	Mary K. Simovitch	20
Newbold Morris	3	Johannes Steel	14
Abe Fortas	4	Anna M. Kross	8
Lillian Poses	4	Orson Wells	33
Walter Wanger	3	Carol Weiss King	37

**Mrs. Rosenberg should be cross-examined regarding her activities and associations, especially in the 1930's. We believe she would not have been so surrounded with Reds and Red sympathizers if she had not some sympathy with their philosophy. She should be questioned about her friendship with Sidney Hillman, the NC-PAC chairman who in the 1920's had Lenin's blessing. What of Michael J. Quill and Julius Emspak? What of Communist Richard O. Boyer, p. 4 below?**

**House Un-American Activities Committee Citations on Board And Other CNH Officers** For at least 3 years—1947, 1948, and 1949—Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg was a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc. During part of that period, according to the 1950-51 *Who's Who in America*, she was a member of the Executive Committee of CNH. She presumably knew and was brought into close contact with the 9 honorary vice-chairmen and the 34 other board members. We believe the number of persons in this total of 43 CNH officials who have been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee for subversive connections or activities (indicated below by\*) is exceptionally high.

#### *CNH Honorary Vice-Chairmen*

Gov. Chester Bowles  
 Russell Davenport  
 \*William Green  
 \*Bishop Francis J. McConnell  
 \*Phillip Murray  
 \*Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam  
 \*Gerard Swope  
 \*Walter Wanger  
 \*Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

#### *Board of Directors*

Channing Frothingham, M.D.	Mrs. Daniel Mahoney
*Barry Bingham	*Newbold Morris
*Ernst P. Boas	Dorothy Norman
Wayne Chatfield-Taylor	Eric Peterson
*Morris L. Cooke	*Lillian Poses
Paul B. Cornely, M.D.	Emil Rieve
John J. Corson	Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
*Michael M. Davis	*Anna M. Rosenberg
Mrs. Tobe Davis	V. H. Rothschild, 2nd
Albert W. Dent	Samuel I. Rosenman
Gen. Wm. J. Donovan	*Theodore Sanders, M.D.
*Abe Fortas	Max Seham, M.D.
*Harry Goldblatt	Robert E. Sherwood
*John Gunther	*Robert F. Wagner, Jr.
*Mary Dublin Keyserling	R. M. Walls, D.D.S.
Mrs. Albert D. Lasker	Hubert Will
Mrs. David M. Levy	Matthew Woll
	*Mistaken Identity?

It is perfectly true that a person may be listed by the House Un-American Activities Committee without there being any sinister implication. Citations must be analyzed, for they are of varying significance. In the case of the members of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., it seems to us there is significance in the fact that 55 per cent of the charter members and 50 per cent of the officials have been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee. At least 17 members of Hillman's 1944 Communist-front NC-PAC were CNH members.

#### **Rosenberg Testimony On Consumers National Federation Fantastic And Incredulous**

In the light of the composition of the Committee for the Nation's Health, the following facts take on new significance. Mrs. Rosenberg testified under oath she could not remember belonging to the Consumers National Federation which had been identified by Earl Browder in 1939 as a "transmission belt." The organization was controlled by 5 known Communists. In December, 1937, this organization arranged a conference. Among the sponsors were listed the names of 12 persons who later became members of CNH, namely:

Roger Baldwin	Paul U. Kellogg
Stuart Chase	Arthur P. McNulty
Evans Clark	Lillian Poses
Mary Dublin (Keyserling)	Kingsley Roberts
Herman A. Gray	Anna M. Rosenberg
Helen Hall	Mary K. Simkovitch

Now it is interesting to note that Lillian Poses later became Mrs. Rosenberg's legal assistant at the New York regional office of the Social Security Board. It is also interesting to note that in 1947 Mary Dublin Keyserling, Lillian Poses, and Anna M. Rosenberg were members of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc. On the board at that time was Mr. Samuel I. Rosenman. Yet in the face of all these facts, Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, present Assistant Secretary of Defense, has stated under oath it was some other Anna M. Rosenberg who sponsored the conference of the Red Consumers National Federation. A dozen of her friends were sponsors, but some other Anna M. Rosenberg not herself, was with her friends, according to Mrs. Rosenberg's sworn testimony.

Also present among the sponsors was Jacob Fisher who was singled out by the Harness subcommittee of the House because of his alleged subversive activities. He has for years been on the staff of I. S. Falk in the Social Security Administration working on social security legislation. Fisher has his own series of subversive citations but was white-washed by the SSA.

**Pity America! Members of the Armed Services Committee seemed totally unfamiliar with names of notorious communists and fronters. The committee has concentrated on trying to prove Mrs. Rosenberg was not a Communist. Is that the only question to be answered about a candidate for high office? The committee has missed the boat. Sitting as judge and jury it is in a fix.**

**Infamous Communist  
Wrote Laudatory  
Article on Anna M.**

In the *New Yorker Magazine* of April 23, 1938, there was an article on Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg entitled "Middlewoman." It was written by Richard O. Boyer, an infamous Communist. The article was highly laudatory. He referred to her as "one of Hillman's best friends" (p. 29). He also spoke of "... Anna, who worked with the [American Labor] Party in the last campaign..." (p. 29).

The House Un-American Activities Committee in its *Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace* cited above, p. 2, col. 2, cites Boyer 29 times. It says:

**"A member of the Communist Party struck the main chord of the Conference in his outright advocacy of civil disobedience. Chosen for this rôle was Richard Boyer, who spoke openly as a member of the Communist Party." (P. 12.)**

In the same document we find this statement:

"Of the over 500 sponsors of the Scientific and Cultural Conference, at least 22 are either avowed members of the Communist Party, United States of America, or their membership cards or party affiliations have been made part of a sworn public record." In this list of 22 Communists is included the name of **Richard O. Boyer**, p. 36.

What was the woman who now aspires to be Assistant Secretary of Defense doing with Richard O. Boyer? Did she furnish an interview as the basis of the article? Is this article of any significance? Consider, for instance, whether you were having a Communist writer publish a laudatory article about you in 1938? Were Communists writing laudatory articles about members of the U. S. Senate in 1938? Why was Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg selected for this "honor"?

If it is true she worked for the American Labor Party in 1937, what conclusion can be drawn? The House Un-American Activities Committee in Appendix IX, 1944, states:

"In New York City the initiative of the movement for the establishment of the American Labor Party was supplied by Sidney Hillman... (*New York Times*, July 6, pp. 1, 3; August 22, 1936, p. 16)". Hillman it will be recalled, went to Russia in 1922 to organize the clothing industry of that country with Lenin's backing. He has been accused repeatedly of having been a Communist.

**Communist Reported  
Anna M. Rosenberg  
Worked for American  
Labor Party in 1937**

The House Un-American Activities Committee continues: "While the Communist Party, as such was never invited to join this movement, the Communists were represented therein... and the Communist Party gave its open support." (App. IX, p. 1495.)

**Israel Amter**, State Chairman and **Charles Krumbein**, New York State Secretary of the Communist Party, stated in the *Daily Worker* Oct. 6, 1939, p. 6, that "The Communist Party as an organization has supported A.L.P. candidates in the elections."

In the pamphlet *The Crisis in the Communist Party*, it is stated: "The whole membership [of the Communist Party] has been instructed to join the American Labor Party as a body. This enrollment, members had been told, was to be completed by the first week of March 1937." (P. 14.) Communist Boyer states Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg worked with the ALP at this time.

**Did Anna M. Arrange  
Appointment of Julius  
Emspak, Communist, to  
FRD Labor War Board?**

*The New York Times* of February 5, 1942, page 30, column 6, reported that President Roosevelt had appointed a 6-man "Labor War Board," with 3 representatives from the AFL and 3 from the CIO. One of the CIO representatives was **Julius Emspak**, sec.-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers Union. Emspak has been cited as a dangerous Communist.

The writer Josef Israels II in an article on Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg entitled "Mrs. Fix-It" in the *Saturday Evening Post* of October 16, 1943, stated that this Labor Committee was set up partly at the suggestion of Mrs. Rosenberg. She was named secretary of the committee by President Roosevelt. It would be interesting to know whether she played a part in selecting Communist Emspak for the "Labor War Board." (See House Un-American Activities Committee *Hearings Regarding Infiltration of Labor Unions*, pts. 1 and 2, for August 9, 10, and 11, 1949, and December 5 and 6, 1949. Also list of Communist officers of labor unions, showing Julius Emspak, UERMWA-CIO, (*100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Labor*, 1948, p. 17. Also Com. Report 1311, 1944.)